

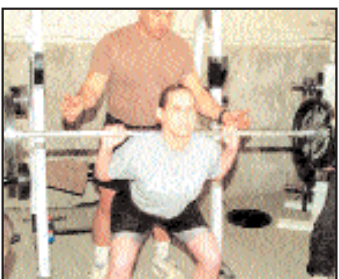
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Bush says trusting Saddam 'Not a strategy,' 'Not an option'



President George W. Bush reacts to applause during the State of the Union address at the U.S. Capitol, Tuesday.

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — “Trusting in the sanity and restraint of Saddam Hussein is not a strategy, and it is not an option,” President George W. Bush told Congress and the nation Tuesday during his State of the Union speech.

The president answered questions about why Iraq is a crisis now. He said the Iraqi dictator has weapons of mass destruction and will share them with terror groups.

“Before Sept. 11, many in the world believed that Saddam Hussein could be contained,” he said. “But chemical agents, lethal viruses and shadowy networks are not easily contained.”

The president asked Americans to imagine the suicide terrorists who attacked the United States if they had been armed by Iraq. He said terrorists armed with weapons of mass destruction could “bring a day of

horror like one we have never known.”

The president said the United States will ask the U.N. Security Council to convene on Feb. 5 to consider Iraq’s continuing defiance. He said Secretary of State Colin Powell would present information and intelligence about Iraq’s illegal weapons of mass destruction programs, its attempts to hide those weapons from inspectors and its links to terrorist groups. Bush stated that the United States will consult with allies and the United Nations, but he said if Saddam Hussein does not disarm, “for the safety of our people and the safety of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him.”

Bush also spoke directly to the members of the armed forces. “Some crucial hours may lay ahead,” he said. “In those hours, the success of our cause will depend on you. Your training has prepared you, your honor will guide you, you believe in America, and

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Clearing the way ...



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Combat Engineers from the 10th Engineer Battlalion, use a grappling hook to pul back concertina wire. The engineers would then cut the wire to allow the infantry to pass.

3-15 Inf. takes fight to the city

Spc. Adam Nuelken

Staff Writer, Frontline Forward

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — Before infantry soldiers can charge into a city or village to engage an enemy, there are certain fundamentals and preliminary training they must undergo.

This training culminated for soldiers from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry in a live-fire training exercise that consisted of dismounted infantry, mortars, snipers, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and M1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks.

“The soldiers did two weeks of company preliminary training before they came here. This location is a seven-day process. After they go through their preliminary training, they go through the fundamentals, the doctrine, the tactics and the techniques of urban warfare,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty,

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3ID soldier injured

Staff report

A soldier of C Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment was injured during a training exercise Tuesday night.

The soldier’s name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin and the soldier’s authorization.

The soldier was participating in a night-time urban warfare exercise near the Iraqi border, when he was shot in the stomach, said a military official.

The soldier was airlifted to a Kuwaiti hospital where he was reported in stable condition, said Sgt. 1st Class David Dismukes, an Army spokesman.

The incident is currently under investigation.

Afghanistan firefight kills 18 enemies

Army News Service

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — In a joint effort, soldiers, air men and coalition forces killed 18 enemy personnel after a small group of U.S. Special Forces came under fire Monday night.

A small group of U.S. Special Forces was clearing a compound with support from Afghan militia forces when they came under small arms fire Jan. 27, at 11 p.m.

Coalition forces returned fire, killing one, wounding one and detaining a third. The detainee informed the Special Forces that approximately 80 armed men were located several kilometers

north in their vicinity.

After the information was verified, Army helicopters fired on the enemy forces, who were located near a series of caves, and a quick reaction force from the 82nd Airborne Division was launched. Close air support was provided by Army Apaches, U.S. Air Force Bombers, an USAF AC130 Gunship and coalition F16s, officials said.

Enemy forces were engaged throughout the night and the action continued into the morning, officials said. At least 18 enemy have been killed and no coalition casualties have been reported, officials added.

Commercial vehicles required to use Gate 7

Fort Stewart PAO

Staff reports

All closed-container commercial vehicles carrying cargo or products through or to Fort Stewart will have only one access gate to the post starting Saturday.

Commercial trucks will be required to use Gate 7 to gain access to Fort Stewart. Gate 7 is located on Fort Stewart’s 16th Street. 16th Street turns into West 15th Street outside gate 7 then to Airport Road.

Vehicles traveling west on Highway 196 can access Gate 7 by making a right at Airport Road and 196. Vehicles traveling east should make a left.

Affected vehicles include all trucks carrying cargo or products. This includes UPS and FEDEX, and flat bed trucks carrying large items or containers. Additionally, all commercial vehicles are required to pass through a Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System, which will x-ray vehicles and contents as the vehicles enter Gate 7.

After Feb. 1, all commercial vehicles entering the installation through any other gates will be searched and given instructions to Gate 7 before being released onto the installation. A second offense of entering the installation at a location other than Gate 7 will result in a traffic citation. After the citation, the driver and vehicle will be refused entrance at that gate and any other gate other than Gate 7, according to Lt. Col. John M. Huey, director Public

Safety/installation provost marshal.

“Vehicles traveling south on Highway 119 or west on Highway 144 are required to use gate 7 as well,” said Lt. Arthur Weston, DoD police supervisor. “But, after 9 p.m., access will be granted for delivery to Fort Stewart only.”

Gate 7 hours are Monday through Sunday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. All vehicles that need access to the installation after 9 p.m. will enter through Main Gate 1 or Gulick Avenue’s Gate 5 and be searched before being granted access to the post.

Any commercial vehicle that wishes to bypass Fort Stewart may use Georgia Highway 144 East, Georgia Highway 144 West and Fort Stewart Road 47 to Fleming’s Old Sunbury Road to Georgia Highway 84 and vice versa.



Spc. Katherine Robinson

Starting Saturday all commercial vehicles will have to past through Gate 7 and be scanned by a Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System.

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Troops gear up, head out



Photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) soldiers make the long walk across the airfield at the Departure/Arrival Aircraft Control Group to board an aircraft headed for Kuwait. The soldiers, who departed Saturday and Sunday, were one of the last groups to leave, winding down the fast-paced deployment of the past few weeks.



Troops file off of the bus that brought them to the DAACG from Fort Stewart.



Soldiers climb the ramp to board the aircraft, preparing to settle in for their flight to Kuwait.



A group of soldiers load baggage onto a conveyor belt, sending the bags up to the aircraft that will carry them overseas with their owners.



Toting their gear, the troops begin to make their way out to the plane from the waiting room at the DAACG.

Credit union reopens after undergoing reconstructive surgery

Pvt. 2 Emily Danial
Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

The Fort Stewart Georgia Federal Credit Union showed off its new facelift at a ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 23 after 10 months of reconstruction.

The ribbon was cut by Eddy Rogers, Board of Directors Chairman, Elaine Tuten, Chief Executive Officer of the FSGA Federal Credit Union, Col. Gerald Poltorak, installation commander; Reba Maloata; Barbara Martin and Ron Erickson, building designer.

The building itself underwent a complete rebuilding from its previous 1977 architecture and design, said Mary Hancock, vice president of marketing at the credit union since 1984.

“We actually took the whole building, just took everything out, stripped it completely down to

the bare walls, and redid the inside,” she said.

That included the addition of new drive-through teller windows as well expansion of the existing one, and the addition of a drive-through Automatic Teller Machine — the only drive-through ATM on Fort Stewart.

“The building needed a new look,” Hancock added. “We needed a little more space in order to efficiently take care of our members.”

“We did not have the services (when the first building was constructed) that we have today,” said Tuten, who has worked at the credit union for 29 years and attended its very first ribbon-cutting ceremony.

According to Hancock, many of the minor changes the credit union has made over the years were a result of member suggestions.

“We listen to our members and

when (they) were asking, say, for the automated telephone service, we put that into place,” she said.

Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston, who attended the ceremony, commented on the building’s new design and technology.

“I think it’s great,” he said. “It shows that the credit union is keeping up with the times.”

One benefit to the new technology installed by the credit union is that a soldier who is deployed can still access his or her account from anywhere they go via services such as internet and PC banking.

“Once they’ve joined,” said Hancock, “they can be members for life.”

Tuten said, “It’s been our strategic plan to put any type of automation in ... that would help the soldier wherever he or she may be. That’s been our goal. If we can do that, we’ve done our job.”



Pvt. 2 Emily Danial

Installation Commander Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, Elaine Tuten, Eddy Rogers, Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston, Barbara Martin, Reba Maloata and Ron Erickson celebrate the reopening Jan. 23.

Bars in time crunch: Captains must decide now on career fields

PERSCOM Press Release
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Officers in cohort year groups 1993 and 1997 will have crucial career decisions to make beginning Saturday.

The career-field designation board for 1993 officers will convene June 17, Army Personnel Command announced.

About 1,830 year group 1993 officers will be considered for promotion to major, PERSCOM officials said.

Following selection for major, all active-duty Army competitive-category officers are designated into one of four career fields.

Under the Officer Personnel Management System III, there are four

career fields, comprising 18 functional areas and 16 basic branches.

The CFD Board will convene following the year group 1993 major’s promotion board.

Last year 250 of year group 1992 officers did not submit a preference statement during the open window.

“If your file goes before the board with no preference information you will be career-field designated in accordance with the needs of the Army,” said Brig. Gen. David Valcourt, the director of the Officer Personnel Management Directorate.

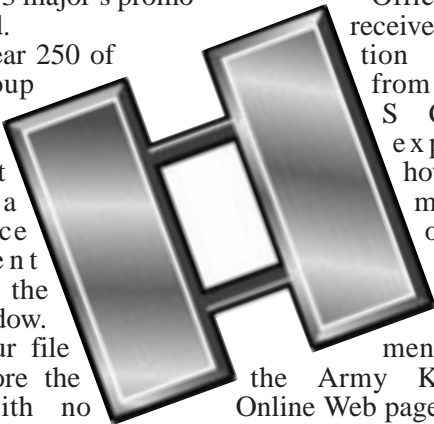
“A failure to submit a

preference statement whether intentional or not, does not indicate to the board a desire to remain in the operations career field.”

Officers will receive information packets from PERSCOM explaining how to submit their online preference statement through the Army Knowledge Online Web page.

Captains with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 1997 or earlier should submit their choices accordingly, PERSCOM officials said.

The functional area designation board for year group 1997 will also convene in June.



Between the fifth and sixth years of service all active-duty, Army competitive-category officers are designated with a functional area. This is decided by means of the FAD Board.

Captains with a date of rank between June 2, 2000 and March 31, 2001 should submit a preference statement, PERSCOM officials said.

Similar to the CFD process, year group 1997 officers will also receive an information packet from PERSCOM.

The AKO Preference window is scheduled to open on or about Saturday for CFD and FAD for 1993 and 1997 officers respectively.

More information is available at the CFD and FAD Home Pages, which can be accessed from PERSCOM Online.

Preference statement fast facts:

- ✓ If an officer does not submit a preference statement, his career field will be designated based on the needs of the Army
- ✓ Beginning Feb. 1, 2003, officers in year groups 1993 and 1997 have to decide on career fields and submit preference statements
- ✓ Officers will receive information packets from PERSCOM explaining how to submit their online preference statement through the Army Knowledge Online Web page. The AKO Preference window is scheduled to open on or about Feb. 1
- ✓ More information is available at the CFD and FAD Home Pages, which can be accessed from PERSCOM Online
- ✓ Captains with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 1997 or earlier, and Captains with a date of rank between June 2, 2000 and March 31, 2001 should submit a preference statement

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

U.S supports freedom fighters

Citizens show appreciation for sacrifices made in war on terror

For more than a year, the brave men and women of the U.S. military, together with their civilian counterparts in the department of defense — have been working to preserve peace and defend freedom against terrorist forces and those who would harbor and protect them around the world.

To each of you, and your families, we express our profound gratitude and appreciation for the risks you undertake and the sacrifices you make so that all Americans can enjoy the blessings of

freedom. This war, as the president has said, is not one of our making. It was thrust upon us. We act in self-defense — in deliberate response to acts of war directed against the American people, and to prevent future acts from claiming even more innocent life.

We are engaged in a global war, and it is being waged on many fronts, using all the instruments of national power.

In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world's attention to Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.

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He has rallied the United Nations to enforce its resolutions calling for the regime's disarmament. To assist this diplomatic offensive and to preserve future options, adjustments to current mobilization, deployment and rotation cycles may be necessary, adjustments that may mean longer tours of duty than you may have expected.

While the times, places, and conditions of deployment cannot now be precisely known, we do recognize the uncertainty these circumstances may create for those in uniform, the civilians who

work beside them, and the families and loved ones, without whose support their sacrifices would not be possible.

I know the secretaries and chiefs of the military services are communicating with you in greater detail about these matters, but I want you to know that understanding the impacts of these deployments is important to us.

Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort.

Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned.

Thank you for all you do for our nation and the world.
Hon. Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

CG: 'We'll be here until our mission is complete'

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III

3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general

Third Infantry Division units continue to flow into theater and complete the Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration phase of their deployment. I know the departure is tough for families and friends. We saw the emotional good-byes on TV here in Kuwait as soldiers departed from Warner Robbins and Hunter Field. From our end though, it was good to see so many Marne soldiers arriving in Kuwait. I know you have seen many of us on TV as well.

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team is getting re-acquainted with their equipment they left just a few short months ago. Col. Daniel Allyn and the Sledgehammer Brigade are occupying a new location, Camp New Jersey. The name of the camp memorializes the victims of 9/11 as do the other camps: New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Many of the New York Trade Tower victims lived in New Jersey.

Our Aviation Brigade will have just occupied Camp Udairi. (They were going to name it Connecticut but it didn't translate well into Arabic).

Task Force 1st Bn., 30th Infantry from the 3rd BCT is currently training in the desert. Since they were just returning from their Kosovo peace-keeping duties last March, they did not accompany 3rd BCT on the first Operation Desert Spring rotation.

They are conducting company level situational training lanes that will culminate in a battalion live fire exercise. This is the standard training conducted by all previous infantry and armor battalions and the Battle Boars are off to a great start.

As with many deployments there will be the usual rumors. I hope to be

Commentary



able dispel most or at least provide accurate information through this forum. I know that the length of the deployment is foremost on the minds of family and friends.

The division is deploying to Kuwait to support the Nation's War Against Terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom. We will be here until our mission is complete. For the time being, that mission is to train, President Bush has made no decision on any future operations.

We have put together a tremendous training plan that only the ranges and maneuver area of Kuwait can support. We will be ready if our Nation needs us. Also (contrary to a circulating rumor) there are no plans to deploy the division to another location once we leave Kuwait.

When soldiers deploy, it is understandable that family members may want to move temporarily to stay with close relatives for support. Visiting close family members is a great idea, but I would encourage family members who are thinking about moving, to reconsider staying with your Army family at Fort Stewart. While close relatives may provide initial emotional support, they will usually not be able to assist with military specific situations, such as finance and health issues. They cannot provide information on your spouse's unit.

Our family readiness groups are some of the best in the Army and can provide emotional support as well as help you link into our great garrison staff who can promptly handle military

specific issues. Additionally, our surrounding communities care deeply about Marne families and provide great support.

We appreciate all the mail and packages our loved ones are sending. I know there are soldiers who think they might lose a few pounds when they deploy, but it appears our families won't let them. The cookies, cakes and other treats don't last long in the units or in the Division Main. Maybe that's why Col. John Sterling moved the goodie-laden coffee pot table away from his desk.

The postal service and military mail system are doing their best to get all your letters and packages delivered in a timely (and fresh) manner. Letters and smaller packages will get here sooner. Due to the intensity of the mission or higher priority cargo, larger packages may take longer, sometimes up to six weeks.

From Kuwait, the soldiers are authorized "free mail" that requires no postage. There is no difference in delivery time for a letter sent from Kuwait by your soldier with a postage stamp or with a "free mail" inscription. Free mail is intended as a privilege while serving the Nation on deployment. Your soldiers can save money.

The Army has made great strides taking care of families during the decade since Desert Storm. Phone systems and computers have closed the communication gap between letters. Family support groups are well led and well trained to help you take care of the various problems that soldiers' families may encounter.

Lastly, but most importantly, I really appreciate the great work all our FRG and AFTB leaders and volunteers and ACS workers do to make these programs successful.

"Rock of the Marne!"

Letters of support

Editor's note: *The Fort Stewart website has received many letters of support from people around the country who wanted to share their thoughts with the soldiers and families of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) and we felt it fitting to publish them in The Frontline where you could read them.*

As a former 24th Inf. Div., Fort Stewart, soldier that served in Desert Storm I wish you all the best of luck and a speedy return.

I'm sure there are still troops which I knew serving with Fort Stewart and I pray for you and your families.

God Bless.
Jeffrey Bodurka
Bergenfield New Jersey

We just been hearing that the 3rd Infantry Division based at Fort Stewart and the Support Air Units at Hunter Army Airfield have received Deployment Orders for destination: we know where, and I and my family want to wish you all a safe journey and many good days ahead for you all as you do "America's Work" in cleaning the clock's of these jokers! God Bless America! God Bless the 3rd Infantry Division! God Bless All Our Fighting Forces!

Larry R Wendell Jr
Larry J Mulholland
Kansas City, Missouri

We wanted to wish all the members of the 3rd Division a very Happy New Year filled with love and appreciation for the devotion

to duty and for all their sacrifices.

It is because of men and women like them that this great country of America remains free.

We ask God to continue to Bless them and to keep them free from all evils and harm.

They are in our thoughts and prayers daily.

George and Peggy Gemon

I want to express my support to those members of the Division who are being deployed. It is a tough time to go. Do your job, look out for your comrades in arms. Americans everywhere are concerned about you and will do everything to support your endeavors. Remember you are the vanguard and representatives of this nation. Be

proud, be strong and most of all — give them hell!!!

Edward J Cox
Sanatoga, PA

I was the Commandant of the 3d Infantry Division NCO Academy in Kitzingen in the 80s. I was the Battalion command sergeant major of the 1/15th Infantry prior to assuming the Commandant Role. I would like to wish all the members of the 3rd Infantry Division the best for the future and especially during their deployment to the middle East. Just remember "The Dog Face Soldier" and you will prevail. God Bless you all. "ROCK OF THE MARNE"

John J. Sloane
Command Sgt. Maj., USA (Ret.)

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Which African American figure has the most significance to you and why?



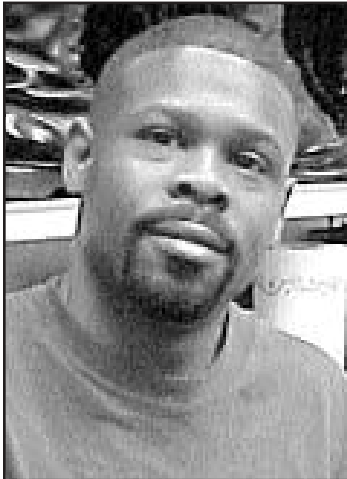
"Martin Luther King, he's come the furthest in opening relations.

Sgt. 1st Class John Branton
31st ROC



"Langston Hughes, he stood out and voiced his opinion and wrote it without hold back."

Staff Sgt. Thomas Pruitt
3220th GSU



"Harriet Tubman, she helped black slaves escape through the underground railroad."

Larry D. Hudson, Jr.
Boot Technician



"Martin Luther King, he fought for freedom."

Dortheia Julkes
Family member



"Jackie Robinson, he turned baseball around."

Spc. Brian Simpson
802nd Ord.



"Martin Luther King, his determination to change things made it all work out."

Sgt. Nathan Pilcher
802nd Ord.

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commander of the 3/15 Inf. “We put them through all kinds of problems to ensure they are able to operate in an urban environment.”

The infantry concluded this training with a night live-fire Military Operations in Urban Terrain training exercise.

To begin the mission, snipers fired on personnel targets while engineers moved forward to breach concertina wire. Once the wire was breached, the infantry pushed forward and began clearing rooms. Then, the engineers brought in a bulldozer to clear the main road for the mortar platoon, Bradleys and finally tanks.

“We did a complex live-fire MOUT assault with the boss elements from dismounted infantry clearing rooms and buildings to snipers engaging threat targets to tanks to Bradleys to mortars doing direct-lay hip shoots with live

tank rounds,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Bob Gallagher, command sergeant major for 3/15 Inf. “They performed well above my expectations. They are awesome. I wish I was that good 15 years ago.”

Before the soldiers move on to the live-fire exercises, they learn how to perform reflexive shooting, which requires multiple rehearsals.

“The fundamentals are key because if you don’t start with the fundamentals, you’re not going to get it right. Then you add the tactics and techniques and keep drilling until they get it right,” Twitty added.

“That’s why they spend seven days here, constantly drilling both day and night.”

The added training also helps build teamwork and needed faith in leadership.

If the soldiers didn’t work together, “the unit would fall apart,” Gallagher said. “Especially in urban terrain

where you’ve got small groups spread out without the ability to see one another and small buildings, they’re gonna’ lose confidence and they’ll stop working. They won’t function as a team.”

The training with the different teams and equipment adds certain realism to the training that soldiers don’t always get.

“I like it; it’s good to get everyone out working together,” explained Pfc. Chris Hopkins, Bradley driver for B Co., 3/15 Inf. from Newton, Ks. “It makes it better because a lot of times the mounted and dismounted (infantry) don’t get to work together. I think it builds teamwork. It does a good job (of preparing us) because we’re out here using live rounds and everyone is working together.”

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount, Commanding General, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) agreed, telling the soldiers he

was proud of their progress.

“You all are learning a lot and being able to integrate your live-fire with all your systems here is incredible. We don’t know when we will have to do this for real, so keep the focus, keep the intensity that you all have now.”

The soldiers from B Co., 3/15 Inf. finished the preliminary MOUT training Jan. 15.

The next stage for the soldiers is to continue their MOUT training at a Kuwaiti quarry.

“We will spend seven days (at that site). What they will get there is the ability to operate in multiple stories,” Twitty said.

“They will have to figure out how to clear sub terrain stories, like basements, sewers and tunnels.

They’ve got to figure out how to clear stairways, and there are a lot more buildings there than what you see here.”



Spc. Adam Nuelken

Spc. Reynold McFarland, a Fayetteville, NC native and radio operator for B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, provides cover during the battalion's night Military Operations.

Training prepares Florida soldiers

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

There are many miles a soldier must travel before they board a plane. To ensure that soldiers going overseas are capable of completing their mission, they have to be properly trained and tested and go through a series of readiness checks. All Marine soldiers will go through nuclear, biological and chemical training, common tasks training, Central Issue Facility and soldier readiness checks. By the time they are shipped off, all soldiers will be physically, mentally and administratively prepared.

In order for a soldier to deploy, their paperwork must be in order. This is done through soldier readiness checks, said Master Sgt. William Otto, 3220th Garrison Support unit. "SRC is to ensure that soldiers are ready, medically and administratively, for deployment," he said.

Judge Advocate General support, as well as finance, personnel, Army Community Service and medical stations are all set up to make sure soldiers can deploy.

"We do wills and power of attorney here," said Sgt. Dan Harvey, 3220th GSU, a legal specialist. Wills can be drawn up on the spot and notarized, he said. They also have lawyers

on site to provide advice and counsel.

The longest lines at SRC can be found at the medical station.

"We screen for an extensive list of immunizations," said Sgt. 1st Class Lucinda McMillan, B Company, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity. The immunizations include vaccines for anthrax and smallpox.

"Medical deployment records and vaccine histories are put in a system called RIDES (Remote Immunization Data Entry System)," said Medical Specialist Sgt. Sean Brennan, 3220th GSU "This will be downloaded into MODS (Medical Occupation Data System)."

Spc. Recep Aksan, A Company, MEDDAC, said MODS is a mainframe for the pentagon. The system helps ensure that soldiers aren't immunized multiple times because of lost records.

"You can be anywhere in the world, and we'll find out your medical information," he said.

Recently deployed Staff Sgt. Kevin Johnston, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 3rd Forward Support Battalion, feels that SRC is important. "It gives us an opportunity to keep our families straight and give them a chance to survive," he said.

To refresh and test soldiers on basic soldiering skills, a common tasks testing site has been set up at Walker field on Harmon avenue.

"We're taking two types of soldiers through CTT," said Master Sgt. Armando Maiz, CTT site NCOIC from the 3220th GSU. "We're taking those who have been trained for testing, and if they're a little shaky, we train them and retest them. The second type, are those who are not trained by their unit for testing. They will be trained here and then tested."

There are twenty tasks at seven stations a soldier must perform at CTT.

They involve knowledge ranging from operating in an NBC environment, performing first aid, to showing proficiency with the M16A2 rifle and the Claymore mine, Maiz said. He stressed the importance of knowing the common tasks and training to Army standard. Even in record cold temperatures, Maiz's team of 26 trainers continues to help train and test soldiers, 18 hours a day.

"Everybody who leaves here will know the skills and pass the tests," Maiz said.

Soldiers not only tested themselves, but their equipment at the CS chamber. "We're ensuring that a soldier's equipment works," says Sgt. 1st Class Robert Johnson, NBC NCOIC, 347th Training Support Battalion. With the use of live CS gas, the point of this exercise is not just to make sure their equipment works, Johnson said, "but once they come out with their mask working, they become confident in their training."

Inside, the soldiers will break the seals from their masks and then recite their name, rank and social security number before being allowed to exit the chamber with a go.

"We check the seals, make modifications and they're ready to go," says Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Walker, an NBC instructor from the 347th TSB, who supervises the soldiers while they are in the chamber.

Pvt. 2 Jeremy Polston and Cpl. Richard Schevis, 1st Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment, are National Guardsmen from West Palm Beach, Fla. "It's good to just be able to gain confidence in your equipment," Polston said.

At CIF, soldiers will get all the equipment they need. Organizational clothing and equipment are issued here, including desert camouflage uniforms, extreme cold weather uniforms and chemical protective suits, said Royce Kennedy, director of logistics. CIF has also supplied and sewn patches on all the DCU's for the entire 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.).

"We've designed this warehouse to support major deployments," said Kennedy, making reference to the new 178,000 square foot facility.

The new building replaced the outdated ones from the World War II era and better uses resources. The new CIF also contains state of the art computers to keep records, Kennedy stated.

Capt. Greg Borcharding, 347th TSB, said "A soldier could come into CIF with nothing but the BDU's he's wearing and leave with everything he needs to deploy."

Active duty personnel, as well as soldiers from the National Guard and Army Reserves go through the same stringent preparations. It takes a lot of time and effort to make a soldier deployable, but when they leave, they are well prepared.



Photos by Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Walker (Right), 347th Training Support Battalion, instructs a soldier of the 124th Infantry Regiment inside the gas chamber

Lock up computers, don't throw away key

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Operational Security is a primary concern for all military personnel. Unfortunately, poor security practices have caused computers to be a main target because they are frequently linked to the internet and therefore, can be accessed worldwide. The Directorate of Information Management supports all forms of communication throughout Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield including telephone, surface mail and of course, computers.

Computer security is one of the most important jobs of the DOIM.

"We take a very proactive approach to supporting intrusion detection," said Lottie Camp, the installation information assurance manager. "An Information Assurance Program was established to protect internal

"The easiest way to get hacked is to have a computer with no password."

Lottie Camp

Installation Information Assurance Manager

systems and networks," she said.

The program contains a firewall to keep viruses from infecting the network.

Information assurance vulnerability alert compliance is the key to keeping a machine safe from security breaches, Camp said.

"Make sure to keep a security checklist and create good passwords. The easiest way to get hacked is to have a computer with no password," said Camp. A good password should be at least eight characters, alpha numeric and case sensitive. Camp said, "One way to make a good password is by making the characters spell out a sentence ... *'I go to the store for*

some bread' would be *Ig2ts4sb.'*"

Unauthorized software also puts a computer at risk. "The only software that should be on a government computer are the ones that it comes with," Camp said. "One of the main fallacies is that users think it's their computer."

Once a user begins to add on unauthorized software, the whole network is at risk, said Camp. Programs, like Kazaa and Morpheus, that share files over the internet are the worst. "It's like having 7,000 computers linked together," Camp said.

In order to keep computers safe, anti-virus

software should be updated weekly, said Camp.

The software is free for all government employees for use on both work and personal computers. It can be downloaded from the intranet by anyone with a Fort Stewart e-mail account.

Properly established privileges also deter hacking, Camp said. Separate access should be given for administrator and user level employees.

If you suspect your system has been compromised, you should contact DOIM customer service and your security advisor, Camp said.

"It has to be a group effort from each system," said Camp. "The network is only as secure as the weakest computer." She added that it's up to everyone to keep systems up to date and computers IAVA compliant in order to prevent a security breach.

Blix says nix on Iraqi disarmament cooperation

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — After 60 days of inspections by U.N. officials, Iraq appears not to be cooperating with Security Council Resolution 1441.

"Iraq appears not to have come to a genuine acceptance, not even today, of the disarmament which was demanded of it and which it needs to carry out to win the confidence of the world and to live in peace," chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix told Security Council members this morning.

Security Council members unanimously approved Resolution 1441 on Nov. 8, 2002. The resolution lays out requirements for Iraq to declare its weapons and weapons programs and to assist inspectors in their verification of the declaration.

Iraq is failing in several specific areas, Blix explained today. The country has refused to guarantee the safety of missions by a U-2 aerial reconnaissance plane at the inspectors' disposal. Iraq has also failed to account for 6,500 chemical bombs and an unknown quantity of VX gas, a chemical nerve agent, some of which may have been weaponized.

Blix referred to the highly publicized discovery Jan. 16 of 12 empty chemical warheads and Iraq's subsequent disclosure of four more a few days later. He said the 12 discovered by inspectors were in a "relatively new" bunker.

"The rockets must have been moved (there) in the past two

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John Negroponte

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

years, at a time when Iraq should not have had such munitions," he said. Iraqi government officials claimed the warheads had simply been missed in accounting. "They could also be the tip of a submerged iceberg," Blix said.

Investigators also have found small quantities of a mustard gas precursor and evidence that the country produced significantly more anthrax than it disclosed.

To date, inspectors have carried out roughly 300 inspections at about 230 different sites. Eleven scientists have declined to be interviewed without Iraqi government "ministers" being present. Blix said this might be because they don't want government security officials to think they've disclosed anything.

He disclosed that inspectors found 3,000 pages of classified documents regarding enriching uranium in an Iraqi scientist's home. He said this supports a long-held concern that Iraq is hiding sensitive documents in the homes of private citizens.

He also expressed concern over a few acts of civil unrest that have occurred near the inspectors' offices in Baghdad and at inspection sites. "Demonstrations and outbursts of this kind are unlikely to occur in Iraq without initiative or encouragement from the authorities," Blix said. "We must ask ourselves what the motives may be for these events."

In an impromptu press conference after the meeting, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Negroponte said nothing he heard today gives him hope Iraq intends to comply with Resolution 1441.

"What we have seen over the past 80 days is that, in spite of the urgency introduced in Resolution 1441, Iraq is back to business as usual," he said. He urged the Security Council members to face their responsibilities in disarming Iraq.

"It benefits no one to let Saddam think he can wear us down into business as usual as he has practiced it over the past 12 years," Negroponte said.

American officials in recent days have taken a hard stand that time is running out for Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to disarm and that the United States isn't afraid to move ahead alone if need be. But White House spokesman Ari Fleischer today said President Bush still feels it's important to consult with world leaders on the issue.

"The president will continue, as I said, to consult and to talk to our allies," Fleischer said at the White House. "But I think it's important for the world to know what the president has said — that time is running out."

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Running on empty ...

Petroleum supply soldiers fight more than empty tanks

Spc. Mason Lowery

50th Public Affairs Detachment

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait— We’ve all either done it or know someone who’s done it. Maybe you were a broke high school student trying to coast home on fumes, or you were driving across the Texas panhandle at 3 a.m. — whatever the reason, running out of gas in the civilian world is normally just an annoyance, not a life or death situation.

But out here in Kuwait, with war on the horizon, gas and diesel fuel take on a new importance. And the soldiers who supply that fuel deserve a second look.

“Fuelers are like mechanics; the battle would stop without them,” said Pfc. Sylvester Stenson, from Lake Wales, Fla., Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry communications specialist.

Like many support specialties in the military, fuelers face the perception of not being hardcore because they’re not Infantry. But can you think of a bigger target on the battlefield? There’s more to being a petroleum supply specialist

than just pumping gas. When the line units go into battle, the fuelers, many of whom cross train in ammunition, go with them, according to Spc. Jarvis McNeill, from Sanford, N.C., HHC, 3-15.

“We’re combat effective and ready just as much as anyone else,” he said. “(Battle) will be scary and exciting for us at the same time. Every fueler will be afraid of getting blown up. I’m going to pray — ask God to watch over me and keep me safe. This is just the job. It has its positives and negatives.”

Life in the camps is an adjustment for fuelers, just like it is for all deployed soldiers. They’re handling it well though, according to Staff Sgt. Anthony Haynes, from Jacksonville, Fla., HHC, 3-15 section sergeant.

“The morale is high. It’s dangerous out here, but we try not to think about it,” he said. “We take trips to Camp Doha and play card games within the platoon. We have football games between the sections — it gives them something to look forward to besides PT.”

Haynes and his fellow section sergeant, Staff Sgt. King Pryer, from Jackson, Miss., HHC, 3-15, said they try to be big

brothers to their soldiers, many of whom are away from home for the first time.

“We want them to have trust in their equipment and leadership,” Pryer said. “They were down around the holidays, but we brought the New Year in together. We stayed up all night talking about home, singing and trying to make our bond stronger. We’re a real close group.”

The fuelers are realistic about the dangers they may face in battle and think about what matters to them most to get them through the hard times out here, according to Pvt. 2 Johnnell Brown, from Charleston, S.C., HHC, 3-15, “I have mixed feelings of excitement and fear — knowing you’re ready, and because you’re ready, you’re able to stay calm. I think about my family and know I have to go home.”

According to Haynes, his soldiers are in the same mindset as most of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.).

“They’re eager, well trained and ready to go and accomplish any mission,” he said.

McNeill agreed, “This is a new, challenging experience. It’s exciting to be a part of history.”



Photos by Spc. Mason Lowery

(Above) “We’re combat effective and ready,” said Spc. Jarvis McNeill, an HHC 3-15 Inf. Bn. fuel specialist from Sanford, N.C.

(Left) McNeill fills a HMMWV at Camp New York Jan. 23.

RSOI keeps soldiers, units supplied, ready

Smoothing the transition from airport to mission

Sgt. Craig Zentokovich

50th PAD

CAMP NEW YORK, Kuwait — As the number of soldiers deploying to Kuwait increases, so does the need for a smooth transition from the airport to the many camps located throughout the country.

The reception, staging, onward movement and integration program at Camp Doha provides units a hassle-free and convenient one-stop-shopping approach to drawing vehicles and various other pieces of equipment before moving on to their respective camps.

A combined effort through the Exercise Support Branch and Army Material Command, RSOI ensure units and their soldiers are receiving quality vehicles and equipment in a timely manner, said Sgt. 1st Class Keith Jerik, quality assurance inspector for AMC.

Prior to the soldiers arriving at the draw yard, contractors receive the modified table of organization and equipment that a unit is authorized, and puts it on the line where it is inspected by a quality assurance team.

"If there is a problem with equipment or maintenance, we deal with it on the spot," Jerik said. "Any discrepancies are handed to the contractors and repairs are made. If we can't fix the equipment, we'll replace the equipment."

Once the soldiers touch down in Kuwait City, they're transported by bus to the draw yard at Camp Doha.

Upon arrival, they receive an in brief, link up with a "line boss," and move to their equipment.

"The line bosses coordinate with their specific, assigned unit and issue the prescribed equipment," he said. "Then the units themselves do an operator level PMCS on the equipment."

During operator level PMCS, the line bosses supervise the soldiers, as well as

contracted third country nationals, to ensure the equipment is fully mission capable.

"(Third country nationals) really add a boost to operations," said Robert Gardiner, supervisor of the supply and services division of the ESB. "They're respectful, hard working people who are the backbone of this operation."

Once the unit's equipment has been checked and loaded, they proceed by convoy to their pre-designated camp.

Units are given six hours from the time they received their in brief to complete draw yard operations and move out.

"(The transition) has been really smooth," said Sgt. 1st Class Jessie J. Williams, the general supply office non-commissioned officer in charge for HHC DISCOM.

"Everything was laid out for us when we got here. All we had to do was fall in on our equipment."

Williams, a Union Springs, Ala., native, has nothing but praise for the RSOI operations at Camp Doha. "The civilians and army here are doing everything they can to make our move as painless as possible. The operation is wonderfully orchestrated."



Photos by Sgt. Craig Zentokovich

Spc. Randal J. Edmondson, B Troop, 3-7 Cav., from Dallas, Texas, installs fittings for an equipment rack on an M1A1 Abrams tank.



Pfc. Chang Shi, C Troop, 3-7 Cav., fuels an M1A1 Abrams tank prior to departing Camp Doha's equipment issuing facility Thursday. Shi, a San Francisco native, and the remainder of 3-7 Cav. were headed for Camp Udairi.



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ACE in the hole ...

Engineers move mountains together

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

Battles are not fought with bullets alone. Before the tanks roll out, before and during the fight, combat engineers are on the battlefield, manipulating the terrain to create an advantage.

Among the many vehicles the engineers use is the M9 Armored Combat Earthmover. The M9 ACE is used to breach anti-tank ditches and berms as well as dig fighting positions for tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

“The M9 ACE is a very hard vehicle to keep fully mission-capable,” said Capt. Christopher Young, the 10th Engineer Battalion maintenance officer from Carlisle, Pa. “There are probably about 30 checks that we do.”

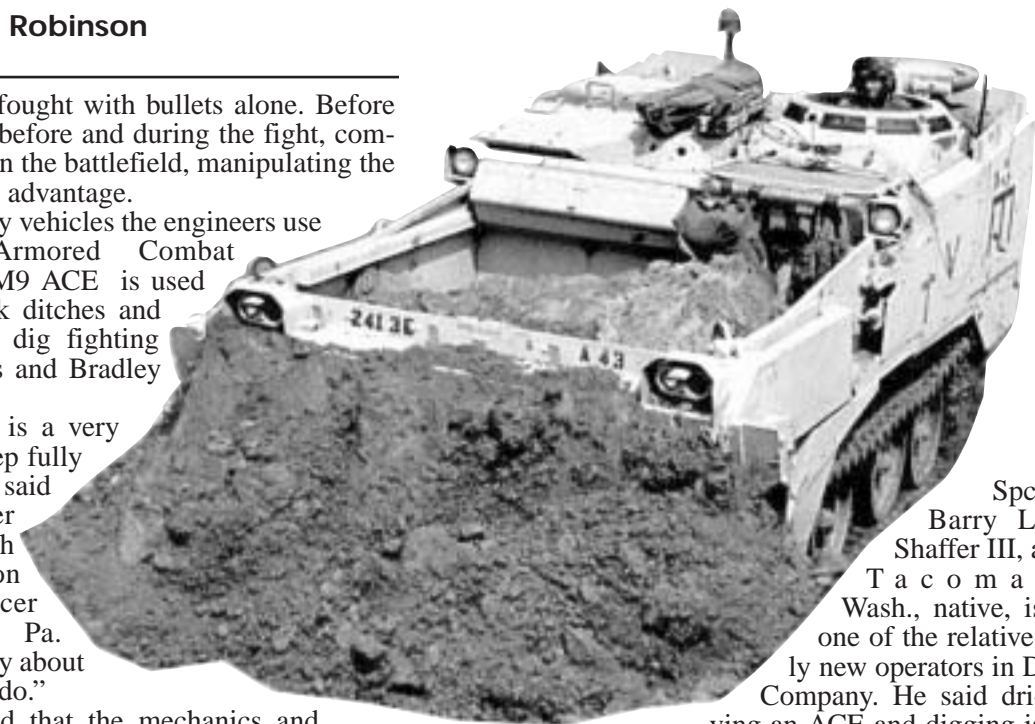
Young explained that the mechanics and the ACE operators both perform checks and maintenance on the vehicles, on different levels.

Since the battalion landed in Kuwait, the soldiers have been doing annual checks on the vehicles, fixing and preventing problems, as well as changing the tracks on all of the ACEs.

Since many of the ACE operator’s are new to the battalion, Young said this is an opportunity to train them on keeping their vehicles well maintained. “Right now we’re in the learning phase. We’re teaching the operators how to (maintain) their equipment, how to take care of it. As far as the mechanics are concerned, they’re very competent; we’re trying to pass that knowledge on to the operators.”

If properly operated and kept maintained, the M9 ACE can be a very effective tool in the engineers’ arsenal, said Spc. Victor Planetta, a mechanic with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 10th Eng. Bn. The Baton Rouge, La. native said the operators and mechanics have to be able to communicate well with each other.

“I constantly talk to the operators, asking them how their vehicles are operating, what problems they’re having, so I’d say we have a pretty good rapport with each other,” he said.



Spc. Barry L. Shaffer III, a Tacoma, Wash., native, is one of the relatively new operators in D Company. He said driving an ACE and digging is a lot of work, but he enjoys it. “I love being an operator,” he said, despite the large amount of maintenance the vehicles require.

Aside from doing operator-level maintenance, Shaffer has to work closely with the mechanics, learning the ins and outs of their job.

“Whenever I’m working on an ACE, I try to have the operator right there so I can show him every step of everything I do,” Planetta said. “It’s not always going to be as simple as telling me or another mechanic what the problem is — they’re going to have to get in there, and they’re going to have to fix it themselves. We’re not always going to be around.”

Shaffer agreed. “We do what they say ... It’s a common sense thing. It’s your vehicle, you need to learn it, so when the mechanics are down there, you have to be proactive. They’re not going to be there on the battlefield.”

“We always have to be around when they’re working on the vehicles. They’re not the operators, they just know the mechanics side, they don’t know the touchy-feely stuff we know. It’s a good relationship.”

Planetta said he places his full confidence in the operator’s training. “And my fellow mechanics are outstanding. I couldn’t hope for a better team.”

Signal soldiers keep coms open

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Editor, Frontline Forward

Whether it’s providing a means for soldiers to call home on the morale line, or maintaining communications for the decision makers, soldiers of the 123rd Signal Battalion ensure that the lines of communication are kept open for deployed soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.).

Although each element of the 123rd Sig. has its own specific responsibilities, D Company’s mission is somewhat unique in comparison to the battalion’s other companies, according to Capt. Ron H. Cohen, D company commander.

“Our (battalion’s) mission is to provide that vital communications link throughout the division so that they have good support,” he said. “Without the mobile subscriber equipment links that we bring in, you’re not going to have voice communications with the digital nonsecure voice terminals — the green phones you see. You’re also not going to have that data pipe that is used for the tactical web and Internet. All those other comfort features that you have back in garrison, that’s what 123rd and G-6 provides for the 3rd Infantry Division.

“But D Company’s a little bit different than the other line companies. We’re a support company — we have tactical satellites and enhanced position locating systems that are sliced away from the company,” Cohen explained.

But one of the most significant components of D Company is its newest addition, a 20-foot satellite dish. Used by tactical satellite teams to transmit and receive signals to multiple satellites over a 22,500-mile range, the dish out-

shines its predecessor by a long shot, Cohen said.

“The 20-foot dish allows us to put out a superior bandwidth-to-power ratio, which makes a smaller footprint for the enemy to see,” he said.

Cohen went on to explain that in comparison to the smaller eight-foot dish that his unit used, the 20-foot dish

produces a lower radio frequency, making it more difficult for enemy intelligence to detect the signal.

Setting up the satellite requires precision to make sure its signal is lined up with the receiving satellite, according to Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Crawford,

a platoon sergeant with D Company.

“Basically, we come out, shoot an azimuth and make sure we’re on point and then we erect the antenna, lay out the power systems, set up the vans and program all of our equipment so we can access the (receiving) satellite,” he explained.

The procedure can take a few hours, but after having numerous opportunities to practice, the soldiers have been able to cut the time down, Crawford said.

“Roughly, if you count everything including the power systems, it takes about two and a half to three hours to set everything up. As the crews get better, the time goes down, you can actually set it up in about two hours,” he explained.

Spc. Timothy Gonzalez, a satellite systems senior operator, said he likes the 20-foot dish because of the increased power output.

“It will help the division a lot better because it’s a lot easier to maintain than an eight-foot dish, which can fall apart to pieces,” he said.

“The 20-foot dish allows us to put out a superior bandwidth-to-power ratio, which makes a small footprint for the enemy to see.”

Capt. Ron H. Cohen
Commander, D Co., 123rd Sig. Bn.

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Iraq and the use of chemical weapons

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Iraq's chemical weapons arsenal is not some hypothetical problem, but a danger and a weapon Saddam Hussein has used in the past.

Hussein had been in power only a year when he declared war on neighboring Iran in 1980. He flexed his muscles against the Persian Gulf region's largest military power, but one weakened by post-shah disarray. Iraq had a more modern military and banked on a fast, easy victory.

Iranian leaders, with a population of 55 million at their disposal, had no compunctions about launching low-tech "human wave" attacks against the Iraqis. Hussein's blitzkrieg devolved into a trench war of attrition, but one he couldn't afford with a population of only about 20 million.

The war was clearly going against Iraq by 1983, when Hussein ordered the use of chemical weapons against Iran. The first of 10 documented chemical attacks in the war was in August 1983 and caused hundreds of casualties, according to CIA sources. The largest documented attack was a February 1986 strike against al-Faw, where mustard gas and tabun may have affected up to 10,000 Iranians.

To this day, no one really knows how many other Iraqi chemical attacks went undocu-

mented or how many Iranians died in them. Iranians call the survivors of the attacks "living martyrs," and the government in Tehran estimates that more than 60,000 soldiers were exposed to mustard gas and the nerve agents sarin and tabun.

One survivor described a rolling cloud of gas enveloping his position in 1985. When the cloud of death rolled away, he was one of 3,000 casualties of the Iraqi attack.

Iran and Iraq ended the war in 1988 with their boundaries about where they'd been when the war started. But Hussein was not through: If the weapons worked against the Iranians, they would also work against internal enemies of his regime.

In August 1988, Hussein launched chemical attacks against defenseless men, women and children in Kurdish villages in northern Iraq. International groups ascertained he used mustard gas and sarin.

Again, no one knows how many Kurds died as a result of these attacks. Some estimates place the dead at 8,000 while others say up to

24,000. The key, CIA officials said, is to remember the attacks weren't against military foes, but used specifically to kill and to terrorize noncombatants. The Kurdish civilians had not had even the basic and inadequate protections carried by some Iranian soldiers.

During the Persian Gulf War, Hussein threatened to use his chemical arsenal against the coalition arrayed against him. The United States said if he did he should expect an instant, overwhelming allied response. Hussein apparently backed down — while some people may suspect he loosed chemicals on coalition forces, no proof has been found.

Following the war, U.N. inspectors went into Iraq and found stockpiles of chemical weapons. The Iraqis had large caches of mustard gas, which causes casualties by blistering or burning exposed skin, eyes, lungs and mucus membranes within hours of exposure. It is a persistent agent that can remain a hazard for days.

Iraq also had large amounts of sarin and

tabun. When absorbed through the skin or inhaled, these nerve agents cause convulsions and unconsciousness. Tabun is a persistent agent and can remain potent for days. While not persistent, sarin is more dangerous inhaled.

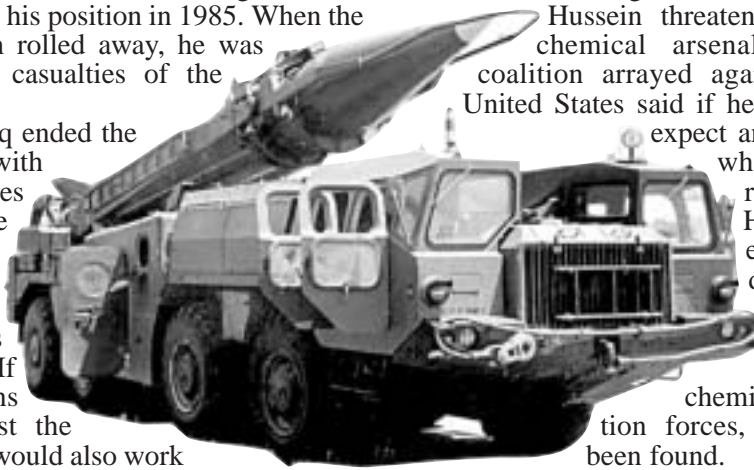
The inspectors also found large amounts of VX nerve agent, which is more toxic and persistent than sarin or tabun.

The Iraqis had the chemical agents in aerial bombs, 122 mm rockets, artillery shells and Scud ballistic missiles.

The Iraqi chemical attacks of the Iran-Iraq War were the largest since World War I. During the 1914-18 war, both sides packed artillery shells with gases or rolled generators up to the front lines.

Thousands on both sides died or were injured in the attacks. The world was so revolted by the carnage that countries outlawed chemical warfare in the Geneva Protocols of 1925. During World War II, even the Nazis — not known for respecting treaties or humanity — observed the chemical taboo.

Many countries in the world have chemical weapon stockpiles. While the situation is a concern, U.S. leaders don't consider these countries dangerous. They say Hussein's possession of these weapons is dangerous, though, because he has repeatedly and remorselessly demonstrated the willingness to use them for war, terror and genocide.



Just who is Saddam Hussein?

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — He's a madman danger to the world. He's a revolutionary leader. He's a savior of his people.

Just who is Saddam Hussein?

The Iraqi president is secretive about just about everything from his whereabouts to his methods. But some things are known.

Hussein was born in Tikrit, Iraq, April 28, 1937. The city is the seat of Saladdin province northwest of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. Tikrit is still Hussein's base.

Hussein grew up in the town of Al Dawr. Visitors to the area described it as a mud-brick town on the banks of the Tigris River. Hussein's parents were poor farmers, but he came under the influence of his uncle, who was an Iraqi army officer. Even as a teenager, Hussein gravitated toward the military and politics.

The means into politics was the Ba'ath Party. He joined the

socialist party when he was 19 and three years later participated in an assassination attempt against Iraqi Prime Minister Abdul Karim Qassim. Hussein was wounded in the leg during the attempt and fled the country. Iraqi courts sentenced him to death in absentia, Feb. 25, 1960.

He went first to Syria and then to Egypt where he went to the College of Law in Cairo.

In February 1963, the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party overthrew Qassim. Hussein returned to the country and was elected a leader in the Ba'ath Party. The Ba'athists were deposed that November in a military coup led by Col. Abd-al-Salam Muhammad Arif, who'd been co-leader in the 1958 coup that brought Qassim to power.

Hussein was arrested in 1964 and imprisoned in an Arif crackdown on the Ba'athists. He escaped in 1966.

Arif died in a helicopter crash in April 1966 and was succeeded by his older brother. Hussein then figured prominently in a Ba'athist-led coup that ousted the brother in July 1968. Gen. Ahmad Hasan al-Bakr, the new president, was Hussein's

cousin.

Hussein became vice president and also took charge of the secret police. He immediately purged and murdered dozens of Iraqi government officials suspected of disloyalty. He also formulated policies to suppress the Kurds living in the north and the Shi'ia "Marsh Arabs" living near Al Basrah in the south. Over the course of the next 30 years, thousands of Kurds and Shi'ia Muslims were murdered, arrested or deported. Whole villages were razed, and property was confiscated and turned over to loyal Hussein supporters.

Hussein led the effort to nationalize foreign oil companies in Iraq in 1972.

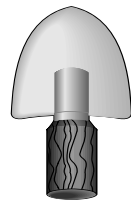
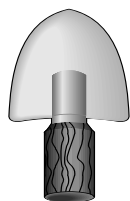
He expanded the secret police and appointed men to the force loyal to him. Bakr resigned in 1979, and Hussein took over as president. Again, he lost no time in purging and murdering those in the government he deemed insufficiently loyal.

In 1980, Hussein thought to take advantage of a weak Iran

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Take care of yourself class

Laurie Kemp
Winn Public Affairs Officer

Looking for a way to prevent unnecessary trips to the doctor or sick call? Whether seeking a home remedy or over-the-counter medication, Winn Army Community Hospital's 'Take Care of Yourself' class can help.

"The class can help prevent unnecessary trips to the doctor and optimize the patients time and money," said Margaret W. Jones, health promotion technician at Winn.

Jones said the class is meant to educate participants on how to properly utilize and reference the Take Care of Yourself book, given to TRICARE Prime patients upon enrollment.

Another aspect of the class is the Self-Care Card. This card allows the patient to get over-the-counter medication, such as cough syrup, from the outpatient pharmacy based on their symptoms.

Home treatment suggested by book

Ankle Injuries — sprains, strains and torn ligaments

"When the ankle is twisted severely, either the ligaments give way or the bone must give way. If the ligaments don't give way, one of the bones around the ankle will break (fracture.) If the ligaments give way, they may be stretched (strained), partially torn (sprained) or completely torn (torn ligament.)

"The typical ankle sprain swells either around the bony bump at the outside of the ankle or about two inches in front of and below it. The amount of swelling doesn't differentiate among sprains, tears and fractures."

Home Treatment

Rest, Ice and Protection are the most

"I can get simple pharmacy medications I would have had to pay for before," said class participant Trent Rydberg. "The class is simple and to the point — it's not an ordeal."

The book has numerous chapters on home remedies and gives recommendations when it may be necessary to see a doctor.

"A lot of times you're at home and something happens, perhaps to your child, and you have an idea of what you should do, but it is nice to have something to back you up," said Veronica Hall, class participant.

Fort Stewart is not the only installation that has a program like this one. Anyone with a card from another installation can have it transferred by taking it to Building 612 to see a community health nurse.

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effective home treatments.

"Rest the ankle and keep it elevated. Apply ice in a towel to the injured area and leave it there for at least 30 minutes. If there is any evidence of swelling after the first 30 minutes, apply ice for 30 minutes on and 15 minutes off through the next few hours. If the ankle stops being painful while elevated, you may cautiously try to put weight on that leg.

If the ankle is still painful when bearing weight, you should avoid putting weight on that leg for the first 24 hours. An elastic bandage can help but won't prevent reinjury.

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✓ Speak with your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out.

CRNAs recognized ...



Laurie Kemp

Capt. Doug Phillips, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia equipment for an operation at Winn Army Community Hospital. Phillips is one of the approximately 180 CRNA's on active duty in the U.S. Army. According to Lt. Col. Cindi Griffith, chief nurse anesthetist at Winn, CRNA's personally administer 85 percent of all anesthetics given to patients each year. CRNA's all over the nation celebrated National Nurse Anesthetists Week Jan. 19 - 25.

Military W-2s Available On-line

Armed Services Reserve personnel are currently able to download their 2002 W-2s from their Intranet site. These downloaded W-2s are considered standard. Returns prepared using these W-2s can be filed electronically. The client will need his or her PIN previously issued by the military. A tax associate preparing someone's taxes may not enter the information on behalf of the client and may not ask for or learn the client's PIN.

The website includes a process (in the FAQ section) for obtaining a new PIN if the client does not know his or her PIN. It may take several days for the taxpayer to receive the new PIN.

Website:
<https://emss.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>

Access:
Social Security Number of the service member

Requirements:
Military-issued PIN

Forms W-2 for active duty personnel will not be available on line until the end of January. Active duty personnel will receive their hard copies of forms W-2 around the time that W-2s are available on-line.

Returns prepared using a Leave and Earnings statement cannot be filed electronically. IRS rules continue to prohibit transmission of a tax return that includes W-2 income until the client provides an actual W-2.

New courses to help cope with stress

DCAS press release

Beginning in February, the Directorate of Community Activities' Army Community Service, DCAS, offers two free courses for soldiers and their families. They are sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the National Alliance for Mentally Ill, NAMI-GEORGIA, and taught by Laura Arisohn, a certified Army Community Service special needs family project educator.

Family-to-Family is a comprehensive 12-week course designed specifically for families of adults and teens with major depressions, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorder or obsessive-compulsive disorder. The class offers information, self-care, coping skills and emotional support. They begin Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Classes continue each Thursday of the 12-week period.

Visions for Tomorrow is a comprehensive 8-week course designed for families of children with ADD/ADHD, PDD/Autism, Toursette's disorder, Conduct Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Depression, Eating Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Early Onset Schizophreniz/Schizoaffective. This class will offer information, problem management, empathy, sharing, coping and self-care advocacy, judicial and stigma. It begins March 4, 2003, and continues every Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. throughout the 8-week period.

Due to space limitations and confidentiality issues, pre-registration is required for both courses. Contact Laura Arisohn, Special Needs Family Project Educator, at 912-767-3032 for more information.

STATE OF UNION

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America believes in you.”

Bush also attempted to reassure the Iraqi people that the United States separates the regime from the population.

“I have a message for the brave and oppressed people of Iraq: The enemy is not surrounding your country; the enemy is ruling your country,” he said. “And the day he and his regime are removed from power will be the day of your liberation.”

As is fitting in a State of the Union address, Bush spoke about many other programs and proposals. He also reported on the global war on terrorism.

“There are days that our fellow citizens do not hear news of the war on terror,” he said. “There is never a day that I do not learn of another threat or receive reports of operations in progress or give an order in this global war against a scattered network of killers. The war goes on, and we are winning.”

Bush cited a number of terrorist plots that have been foiled and terror groups left leaderless. He said more than 3,000 terrorists have been arrested around the world, and many others have been killed.

Within the United States, homeland security has been strengthened and Bush thanked the Congress for its support of fielding a limited ballistic missile defense beginning this year. The president also said he is

asking for \$6 billion to fund Project BioShield. If approved, the project would be a major research and production effort to guard Americans against bioterrorism. The money would go to make effective vaccines and treatments available quickly against such agents as anthrax, botulinum toxin, ebola and plague.

“We must assume our enemies will use these diseases as weapons, and we must act before the dangers are upon us,” he said.

Bush told Congress that he had instructed the leaders of the FBI, the CIA, the new Department of Homeland Security and the Defense Department to develop a Terrorist Threat Integration Center to merge and analyze all threat information in a single location. “Our government must have the very best information possible, and we will use it to make sure the right people are in the right places to protect all our citizens,” he said.

The president stressed a number of times that the greatest dangers to freedom are rogue nations possessing weapons of mass murder. He said those countries could use those weapons for blackmail, terror and mass murder. “They could also give those weapons to terrorist allies, who would use them without the least hesitation,” he said.

Last year, the president lumped Iraq, Iran and North Korea together

as an “axis of evil.” He spoke of U.S. efforts to influence the other two countries of the axis.

He said that different threats require different strategies. “In Iran, we continue to see a government that represses its people, pursues weapons of mass destruction and supports terror,” he said. “We also see Iranian citizens risking intimidation and death as they speak out for liberty and human rights and democracy. Iranians, like all people, have a right to choose their own government and determine their own destiny — and the United States supports their aspirations to live in freedom.”

The North Korean leaders continue to starve and oppress their people. “Throughout the 1990s, the United States relied on a negotiated framework to keep North Korea from gaining nuclear weapons,” Bush said. “We now know that that regime was deceiving the world and developing those weapons all along. And today the North Korean regime is using its nuclear program to incite fear and seek concessions. America and the world will not be blackmailed.”

He said the United States would work with South Korea, Japan, China and Russia to find a peaceful solution. “The North Korean regime will find respect in the world and revival for its people only when it turns away from its nuclear ambitions,” he said.

HUSSEIN

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and trumped up a border dispute over the Shatt al Arab waterway into a full-scale war. At first, the Iraqi army swept the field, but Iran refused to admit defeat. Human waves of Iranian “martyrs,” some going to the front with their death shrouds with them, entered the fray. By 1984, Iran had driven Iraq from its soil and was invading Iraq.

This was when Hussein shifted strategies and started using chemical weapons on the invading Iranians and on the Kurdish people in the north of Iraq who opposed him. Thousands are estimated to have died in these attacks.

The war ended in 1988 with the Iran-Iraq border pretty much back where it had started. Casualties are estimated at between 1 million and 1.5 million people.

In August 1990, Saddam Hussein made another miscalculation. He sent his troops into Kuwait, invoking Iraq’s claim on Kuwait as its 19th province. The invasion also threatened Saudi Arabia, and the international community responded immediately. The United States led an international coalition to expel Iraq from Kuwait. Then, as now, the United Nations tried to reason with Saddam, but he would not go along.

Finally, on Jan. 17, 1991, the Persian Gulf War began with a coalition air campaign. The ground war started Feb. 24 and Kuwait was

liberated in 72 hours. By the time Iraq signed a cease-fire on March 3, tens of thousands of its soldiers were dead or wounded and coalition forces had taken tens of thousands more prisoner.

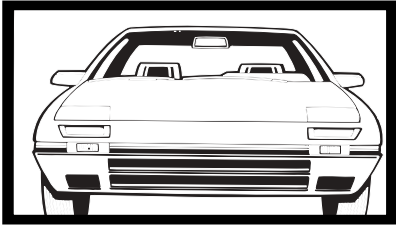
In the pact that ended hostilities, Iraq agreed to stop persecuting minorities, return prisoners and to rid itself of weapons of mass destruction.

Following the war, Hussein survived a Kurdish rebellion in the north and viciously put down a Shi’ite insurrection in the south. The Northern and Southern No-fly zones were imposed, in part, so Saddam could not murder his own people.

Since the Gulf War, Iraq has been under U.N.-imposed economic sanctions. These sanctions would be lifted if the Iraqi dictator decided to honor his word to the United Nations.

Saddam Hussein has violated every U.N. Security Council resolution directed at Iraq in the 12 years since the end of the war. U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, passed Nov. 8, 2002, states he’s in “material breach” of those resolutions and now must prove to the United Nations that he is complying with the will of the international community.

Hussein is married and has two sons and three daughters.



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POLICE REPORTS

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, consumption of alcohol by a minor, no drivers license, improper use of red lights, failure to wear a seatbelt
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Larceny of NAF property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Driving on the wrong side of the road, driving under the influence
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, parking in a handicap space
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, defective equipment, headlight out
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 28-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 31-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, expired tags
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Illegal possession of child pornography
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** 2nd Lieutenant, 30-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to show proof of insurance
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
• **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Public drunkenness
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Civilian, 41-year-old female
• **Charges:** Speeding 67/55, driving while license suspended, wrongful possession of marijuana, Wrongful possession of cocaine, wrongful use of cocaine
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
• **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 29-year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group
• **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana, wrongful use of marijuana
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old female, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Larceny of AAFES property, accessory to the fact to commit other crimes against property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old

male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Accessory after the fact to commit other crimes against property
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
• **Charges:** Eluding a police officer, defective equipment, broken tail light
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
• **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, Headquarters

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Interfering with calls for emergency assistance
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Possession of alcohol by under age person
• **Location:** Pembroke

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, under age drinking, speeding
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Improper backing
• **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield

• **Subject:** Private, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence
• **Location:** Richmond Hill

• **Subject:** Private 2, 18-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
• **Charges:** Possession of alcohol by a minor, obstruction
• **Location:** Savannah

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, failure to show proof of insurance, expired tags
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, Engineer Brigade
• **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, driving on post suspension, failure to wear a safety belt, failure to show proof of insurance, driving while license suspended
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

• **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Division Support Command
• **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding
• **Location:** Hinesville

• **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male, Division Artillery
• **Charges:** Aggravated assault
• **Location:** Fort Stewart

Courts-Martial

The following cases were tried by Special Courts-Martial or General Courts Martial at Fort Stewart with the following results:

Special Courts-Martial
United States v. Pvt. 2 Edgar L. Kelley, B Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, Engineer Brigade, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Jan. 7, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Kelley guilty of desertion and dismissed disobeying a lawful order, wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful use of cocaine, use of wrongful use of crack cocaine and wrongful use of ecstasy. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Kelley to: be reduced to the grade of E-1, be confined for six months and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Michael A. Reigle, Jr., A Company, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On Jan. 10, the military judge found Reigle guilty of Desertion, AWOL, adultery and abandonment of dependent children. The military judge sentenced Reigle to be reduced to the grade of E-1, be confined for seven months and a bad-conduct discharge.

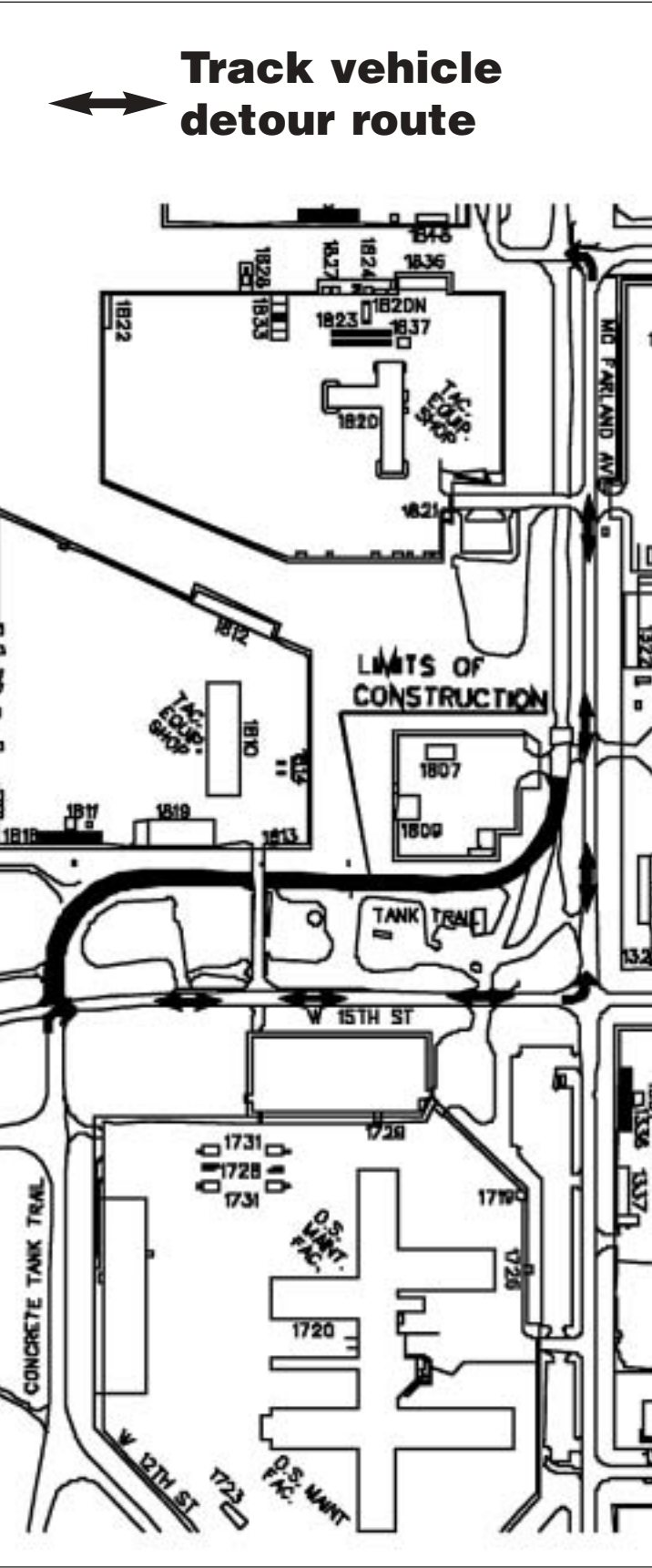
United States v. Pfc. Ryan P. Warzynski, C Troop, 1st Cavalry, 1st Brigade, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Jan. 22, the military judge found Pfc. Warzynski guilty of desertion, disobeying a superior commissioned officer and breaking restriction. The military judge sentenced Pfc. Warzynski to: be reduced to the grade of E-1, be confined for four months and a bad-conduct discharge.

General Courts-Martial
United States v. Pvt. 2 Ronnie V. Kent, II, Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Company, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Stewart, Georgia. On Jan. 15, 2003, the military judge found Pvt. 2 Kent guilty of two counts of indecent acts with a child. The military judge sentenced Pvt. 2 Kent to: be reduced to the grade of E-1, be confined for two years and a bad-conduct discharge.

United States v. Sgt. Kenneth W. Butler, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 224th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia. On Jan. 24, the military judge found Sgt. Butler not guilty of rape and adultery and guilty of indecent assault. The military judge sentenced Sgt. Butler to: be reprimanded and hard labor without confinement for three months.

Concrete tank trail closure

The existing concrete tank trail at the intersection W. 15th Street to the entrance to Motor Pool at Building 1807 is closed through Mar. 1. During this period tracked vehicles may use the detour route along McFarland Ave. and W. 15th St. around the area of construction. Track vehicles and oversized vehicles use the detour route must comply with post regulations relative to speed, escorts and road guards. Also, leaders must request traffic assistance from military police for all movements at the detour location where tracks and privately owned vehicles will share usage of McFarland Avenue. Motorists should exercise caution when entering the detour area and expect to share this segment of detour area with large military vehicles.



3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Gate closure and changes

Due to the decrease in traffic flow on and off of Fort Stewart, Gate 2 (Troop Gate/E. 4th St.) and Gate 4 (Bryan Village/Austin Rd.) will close 9 p.m., Feb. 7. and not be reopen until further notice.

Also, the morning of Feb. 6 is the last morning traffic cones will be set up to allow inbound traffic total use of General Screven at the main gate 5:15 to 7 a.m. during physical training. It will be normal traffic flow coming on and going off of the installation until further notice.

Warrant officer promotion board

HQDA has announced the Fiscal Year 2003 CW 3, 4 and 5 Promotion Board. The board is scheduled to meet April 29. The following are the zones of consideration for all grades:

- AV MOSs less 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1997 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1997 through Sept. 30, 1998
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Tech MOSs plus 151A
- Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1998 and earlier
- Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1998 through Sept. 30, 1999
- Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1999 through Sept. 30, 2000

Officers who will be considered by this board in all zones of consideration should immediately schedule themselves for a new digital photo. In addition to having the new digital photo posted to their files, officers will also receive two hard copies. These hard copy photos must be forwarded to PERSCOM in time for the promotion board.

For more information, call 767-3416 or 352-6296.

Police officer recruitment

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department is looking for officers for many areas of their department. The hiring process will begin

9:30 a.m., Wednesday at the ACAP office.

The Darany Entry level Police Officers Examination will be given, the applicants will have two hours to complete the test.

For an appointment, call 767-2611 or for more information, call 877-525-6145, e-mail dharkney@cmpd.org or visit the website at www.cmpd.org

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 to 5 pm Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

Join Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlist-ed and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.

Available class dates for Special Forces assessment and selection are Feb. 16 and March 23. Both combat and non combat MOSs may apply.

To learn more about Special Forces, attend the weekly briefing at Hunter, noon and 4 p.m., Tuesdays at the Education Center or Fort Stewart, 10 a.m., 2 or 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at the Recruiting Office, Building 132 (Coastal Communications). For more information, call 767-1857.

Recycle cardboard

All military units and activities should deliver their bulk cardboard to the new Processing Station, located off of Kilpatrick Rd. (Gate #6) next to the landfill scale house. All other customers should take their cardboard to the Recycling Center, located on the corner of McFarland Ave. and Sigma St.

Processing Station hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Recycling Yard hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 767-8880/6327.

Hunter

Hunter traffic delays

Montgomery Gate construction began Nov. 18; Wilson Gate construction began Dec. 10. Each gate is down to one inbound and one out-bound lane. You will not be able to exit through Middleground Rd. This will create delays. Plan accordingly and allow extra time to gain post access.

The following will help expedite traffic:

- Ensure your vehicle is registered
- Get extended passes if authorized
- Avoid leaving and having to reen-ter
- The worst times will be during lunch hours noon to 1:30 p.m.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

Hunter Club

Every Wednesday, the Hunter Club will be serving Grill Beef Strip Steak with Saut`eed Onions, Baked Potato, Side Salad, and Drink for \$6.50.

Lunch is being served at the Hunter Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Blue Plate Specials are offered weekly.

NCO and Officer Calls every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., except training holidays.

Catering is available for any function. The Hunter Club is open to the public. For reservations, call 353-7923 or 352-5270.

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center is sponsoring a Pell Grant/Financial Aid Workshop, 3 p.m., Feb. 12 and Mar. 19, at the Army Education

Center, Building 1290.

Correspondence Courses

Do you need promotion points? Visit the Hunter Education Center to sign up for Army Correspondence Courses. Call 352-6130 for more information.

FCC Certification

The Hunter Education Center offers Federal Communications Commission certification. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification. Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent, up to \$250 per semester hour. Call 352-6130 for information.

Airframe and Powerplant

The Hunter Education Center offers A&P certification. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is offering coursework that leads to certification. Tuition Assistance is now 100 percent; so come on in and sign up with your education counselor today. Call 352-6130 for more information.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Jan.15 and Feb.12 starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one head-liner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

11th Annual Golf Tournament

American Red Cross Savannah Chapter is hosting the 11th Annual Golf Tournament and Million Dollar Shoot-out 2003, Feb. 27 and 28 at Southbridge. Shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 27 and 9 a.m., Feb. 28.

For more information, call 651-5309 or e-mail at Tournament@redcross.com web site www.tournevents.com/redcross.

Winn Army Community Hospital

OB/GYN Appointments

To schedule an appointment, check on a consult or talk to a nurse in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, call 767-6633. The automated line will connect with clinic staff members who will schedule appointments and answer questions. To speak directly with a nurse about medical concerns, call 370-5920. Alternate phone numbers for the Women's Wellness Center and OB/GYN are 370-6017 and 370-6321. Please keep in mind the automated line takes precedence over the alternate lines.

Coping Support Group

The Coping Support Group is for anyone having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday. For more information, call 370-6100.

SFHC Consolidation

Soldier Family Health Clinic #3 will be consolidating with SFHC #1 Feb. 3. SFHC #1 is located in Building 701 on Divarty Road. For more information, call 767-7035.

Medical Threat Briefings

Units that require a Medical Threat Briefing can now schedule it by calling Environmental Health at 767-3050.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

'Take Care of Yourself' classes

The next "Take Care of Yourself" classes will be 2 to 3 p.m. Feb. 5 and 19 at Winn. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from

Winn or Tuttle. To register, call 370-5071 or 767-6633.

Expectant Parenting Class

The next Expectant Parenting Class will be 6 p.m. Feb. 4. This four-week class helps patients to understand labor, delivery and new-born care. To register, call 767-6633.

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be 5 p.m. Feb. 6. This class helps prepare children, ages 4 to 12, for the arrival of a new brother or sister. To register, call 767-6633.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what health-care services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments. For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependant family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Former president visits Claxton for teacher incentive program



Sgt Raymond Piper

(Above) Students sing the national anthem as a color guard from the 179th MP Det. presents arms during a ceremony to honor two Claxton teachers Jan. 24.
(Left) Former President George Bush speaks before presenting the teachers with their awards for the Teacher Incentive Program. The program recognizes the efforts of teachers to improve the quality of education in schools in the Claxton area.

LIFE & TIMES

B SECTION

On Post

Dance lessons

There will be a Salsa dance lesson in the Headlight Room at Club Stewart for adults and teens every Wednesday. This class is free for the month of February. Level I class will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. and Level II and III, 8 to 9 p.m.

Support group

There is a Coping Support Group held 9 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays at the Winn Bahavioral Helath Clinic. For more information, call 370-6100.

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m. There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

2nd BCT FRG calendar

The following events will be held by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Family Readiness Group:

- FRG bowling night at Stewart Lanes starting at 6 p.m. today.
- Walk to Kuwait at Quick Track 5 to 6 p.m., Feb. 11.
- Appetizer pot luck at the 1/64 classroom noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 15.
- Walk to Kuwait at Quick Track 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 25.

If you would like your FRG schedule to be included, email Casey Craig at caseybcrraig@coastalnow.com.

Blood Drive

There is an American Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 25 in the AAFES parking lot.

Tax assistance available

Get free tax assistance at the Marne Tax Assistance Center. The center is open 9 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Building 9611 in the National Guard Training Center area. Call 767-3909 for more information.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills. The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets at noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone. For more information, call 767-0383 or email at Bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

Academy deadlines

The Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools have posted the following dates concerning registration to the Academies, formerly know as the Magnet Programs:

Feb. 7 — Academy application deadline for lottery

Feb. 21 — Lottery date

Feb. 24 — Letters mailed to parents.

March 28 — Deadline for school year 03/04 pre-registration.

For more information call 201-4170 or 767-6533.

Off Post

Venturing

Venturing is a youth development program for young men and women who are 14, and have completed the eighth grade, through 20.

The group meets 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

For more information, call 369-3137 or email coedventure@netscape.net.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Family members able to open AKO account

Sgt. Raymond Piper

Editor

Family members now have a secure way to communicate with their spouses while they are deployed through Army Knowledge Online.

"The advantage of using AKO, to communicate with your spouse and loved ones, over the other sites such as Yahoo and MSN, is that AKO is a secure site. Your e-mail and instant messages are protected and can not be compromised as they can be with Yahoo and MSN," said Bruce Muncher, chief of marketing at the Information Technology Solutions Division.

The first step of getting a guest account is to visit the AKO website (www.us.army.mil) and click on "I'm a new user."

A screen will be displayed to show different account types and fall into two categories, full accounts and guest accounts.

To apply for a guest account, the family member needs to have the sponsor's AKO address.

"A guest account can not sponsor a guest account," Muncher said. "If an FRG leader has a full AKO account, he could sponsor oth-

"With the current state of installation deployments, everyone needs to be vigilant in the content of information they send out through e-mail and IM"

Bruce Muncher
Chief of Marketing,
Information Solutions Division

ers."

Muncher added, "The rear detachment soldiers who have a full AKO account could be tasked with sponsoring those members who's spouse is already deployed. The family members would have to be supplied the valid email address of the person designated to sponsor family members."

Capt. Mike Enos, 2nd Brigade rear detachment commander, said the brigade has set up several accounts for family members of deployed soldiers and have let the spouses know about the guest accounts.

After the application is complete, an e-mail is sent to the sponsor so they can approve or reject the request.

"Either spouse can input the information on the AKO website for signing up for an AKO account, but it is the spouse (or other sponsor with the full AKO account who must then go into AKO and accept or reject sponsorship," Muncher said.

The account becomes active once it is approved and is good for one year.

"The main reason to use an AKO account is security," Muncher said. "During these times of deployment and separation, things could be stated in messages back to loved ones reference locations, missions and such.

"If using Yahoo or Hotmail or even MSN, these e-mails can be compromised and read by any hacker. With AKO being on secure servers, the messages and content are kept secure.

"With the current state of installation deployments, everyone needs to be vigilant in the content of information they send out through e-mails and IM," Muncher said. "That is why AKO should be your only means of communicating with your loved ones now and while you are deployed."

Hunter soldiers show students 'tools of the trade'



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Candelario

(Above) Sgt. Troy J. Dover, parachute rigger, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Command, demonstrates the wear of a parachute during a visit to Islands Elementary School on Tybee Island Jan. 27.

(Right) Sgt. Ervin J. Myers, noncommissioned officer in charge of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical operations at HQ Co., HQ Cmd., shows a student the proper way to wear a flak vest, LBV and kevlar.



Soldiers qualify for variety of free tests at Ed. Center

Carol Berry

Special to The Frontline

The DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) provides a wide range of services to military personnel all over the world. These services include the testing programs. Exams like the CLEP (College Level Examination Program), DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Test), SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) and many others are administered at military bases and on board ships every day of the week. The testing companies that own these exams extend a great deal of trust to the test administration personnel who issue and monitor these exams.

Last year more than 150,000 exams were administered through DOD testing facilities, and every time a test booklet was issued a level of trust from the owners of the exam was imparted to the examinee and the test administrator. The examinees are expected to conduct themselves professionally, arrive at the test center on time, be prepared, follow all directions, and behave honorably.

The test examiner has an obligation to ensure that all tests are administered according to standard instructions, that the test center has a sufficient supply of exams desired, that the test center is free of distractions, and that the examinee does everything that is expected of him.

To properly prepare for an exam, examinees should:

- Get a good night's sleep,
- Eat a sensible meal,
- Arrive at the test center early,
- Prepare for the exam.

The Army Education Center has information sheets for every exam available through the test

center. Students can also get information off of the Internet at www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/danteshome.asp?Flag=True.

Proper test conduct includes:

- Leave all of your study materials home or in your car. No book bags, briefcases, or even purses are permitted in the test center. If you have these items with you when you arrive at the test center, you will be asked to leave them outside the testing classroom. The center will provide all pencils and scrap paper. You will be asked to return all materials at the end of your test session.
- You must have a valid photo ID card. Military personnel (active and reserve) must have a current military ID card. There are never any exceptions to the ID card rule.
- If a calculator is permitted on your exam, check with the examiner before test day to confirm that your calculator meets the standards set by the test company.

Improper test conduct includes:

- Trying to get answers from another examinee; trying to use crib notes or other materials not authorized for use on the test;
- making a list or copying questions and/or answers from a test booklet;
- failing to return all test materials, a test booklet with missing pages, scratch paper, answer sheet, or
- an examinee cheating or attempting to cheat on the exam.

All cases of improper test conduct are thoroughly investigated. Improper test conduct may result in the examinee's test score being invalidated and possible prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or applicable federal or state statutes.

Improper test conduct is unacceptable and not

tolerated at any of the test centers. Each exam we are entrusted with costs over three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or more to develop. Test compromise due to improper test conduct can and has resulted in the removal of exams from the testing inventory and in the criminal prosecution of the offending individual. The cost to the testing program and the personal cost to the individual caught cheating just isn't worth it.

For more information on this topic and other programs sponsored by the Army Education Center, contact the Main Center at 767-8331. Remember, education makes a good soldier better.

Learning center locations

The Army Continuing Education Systems, ACES, has several locations at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield available to National Guard and Reservist troops that want to continue their education during their relocation to Fort Stewart. The complete listing follows:

- Main Education Center, Bldg. 130
- Engineers Learning Center, Bldg. 623, Room 144
- DISCOM and 123rd Signal Learning Centers, Bldg. 729
- DIVARTY and 1st BDE Learning Centers, Bldg. 1237
- Marne Learning Center, Bldg. 506
- Rock Learning Center, Bldg. 206
- 2nd Brigade Learning Center, Bldg. 520
- HAAF Education Center, Bldg. 1290

If you need additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, contact Robin Ellert, 767-2269.

Sweet send off!



Photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Deploying soldiers of 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) fill their bags with snacks donated by the United Service Organization. The USO, along with Southern Smiles and the American Red Cross set up shop at the Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group Facility Operations Center at Hunter Army Airfield, and have been present at every flight since the deployment began.

Troops receive warm sendoff from local volunteer organizations

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

As soldiers and airmen from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield wait anxiously to board their airplanes, three organizations have set up shop inside Hunter's Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group Operations Facility and made it their mission to let them know that they are appreciated and not alone.

The United Service Organization of Georgia, Savannah-based Southern Smiles, and the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross have dedicated themselves to providing the departing service members items ranging from donuts and cookies to "goodie bags" full of toiletries and lip balm. Skidaway Landings Library has also donated a table full of books and magazines for the long plane ride.

"You can't be here as a volunteer, and see these faces, without wanting to come back and do it again," said Ellen Snedeker, secretary and treasurer, USO Georgia/Savannah Council.

The USO, which has been helping service members and their families for more than 60 years, relies on volunteer manpower working in shifts to greet every departing flight no matter what hour of the day or night.

"Most guys bring their wives, and vice versa," said retired Col. Ken Seymour, chairman of the Veterans Council of Chatham County. "We've all been there before and understand what the troops are feeling."

The Veterans Council manages 22 different veterans organizations under one command. This allows them to respond with volunteers and supplies whenever called upon.

The USO is a charity that is dependent on donations to fulfill its mission and receives no federal funds.

While they have plenty of volunteers, they are just hanging on when it comes to items such as sodas, bottled water and donuts. With thousands of service members passing through,

the logistics of such an endeavor can be daunting. Even in the face of challenge, the reputation of the USO for "always being there" is intact.

"Every time we have come down to nothing, I pray to God ... and it arrives. It brings me so much pride to do this," said Snedeker.

While the USO covers the food and refreshments for the departing troops, Savannah's own Southern Smiles continues with a three-fold expression of support.

"We're basically a bunch of do-gooder local women who want to help where we can," said Claire S. McCluskey, a lieutenant in the Savannah Police Department. "We started six or seven years ago by providing Christmas dinner in the housing areas to lower income families. When 9-11 happened, we wanted to help and agreed on taking regional food to Ground Zero for all the rescue workers. We brought 1,500 pounds of shrimp, among other items, and had a Low Country boil for 3,000 rescue workers," she added.

"The soldiers are now the rescue workers," said Donna Benson, Southern Smiles volunteer.

Southern Smile's Operation Savannah Cares provides "goodie bags" full of treats that the troops can enjoy on the airplane. The bags are assembled with the help of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students at Benedictine Military School in Savannah, under the supervision of Lt. Col. John Owens, commander.

"We absolutely could not do it without their support," added McCluskey.

The group also sponsors an adopt-a-soldier program that unites deployed soldiers with an appropriate business, organization, or group. They in turn provide support, caring, letters, and packages to the deployed troops that they have "adopted."

Support group workshops are also offered to the spouses of the deployed service members.

"It's a gesture. We are just taking the time to say 'thank you' to all of the troops who are taking care of us," said

McCluskey.

"We feel it's the least we can do," added Benson.

Rounding out the show of support is the Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross. Tracing its roots back to Clara Barton during the Civil War, it remains one of the most internationally recognized organizations in the field of aid and comfort.

The Red Cross has been distributing "care bags" that contain essential items that are often overlooked until they are needed. Each bag contains shampoo, deodorant, a toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, and lip balm among other items.

"We are also here for moral support," said Ann Hipp, a Red Cross volunteer from Savannah. "They've (service members) already said 'goodbye' to their families, now we can say 'goodbye' and 'thank you.'"

"When you have love in your heart, and you see the anxiety in these young men's eyes, you go out to them...it's the least you can do," agreed Joseph "Tyler" Lenins, Red Cross volunteer.

"Just being here gives me the feeling that I am doing something to help," said Marcia Suelflow, fellow Red Cross volunteer from Savannah.

While future events may remain uncertain, departing troops can at least take comfort in the knowledge that Savannah and the surrounding communities will have them in their thoughts and prayers during the days ahead; and will be there, guaranteed, on deployment day.

Anyone that would like to help any of the above organizations is encouraged to make contact and receive additional information on what is needed.

USO — Ellen Snedeker (912) 897-4764 or Mary-Louise Austin (404) 761-8061 USO Georgia.

Southern Smiles — (912) 351-7627 or www.southernsmiles.org

Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross — Chris Dudley (912) 598-1495.



A 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) soldier searches through the table of donated books for something to read during the flight.



Volunteers, coordinated by the Veteran's Council of Chatham County, work at ensuring all of the boxes of treats stay filled in anticipation of the next departing flight of soldiers arriving on busses from Fort Stewart.



American Red Cross volunteers greet every departing soldier, letting each one know that they will be missed and wishing each a safe and speedy return.

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Black history month: celebration for all races

Chaplain (Maj.) Alvin E. Miller

Special to The Frontline

In the years past, many historians have either down played or withheld evidence that illustrated the significant contributions that Africans and their descendants have made in birthing the freest, most powerful and greatest nation in the world, or shall I say in the history of humanity. Never has there been a country where people from various religious, social, economic and ethnic backgrounds share various beliefs and philosophies, were afforded the opportunity to express their difference, while at the same time having so many things in common. The people of America have cords of unity and an undetermined will to survive against all odds regardless of the situation.

The fact to the matter is — America is the first nation in the world where such a divine experience of “democracy” on a universal scale that such a utopia has been achieved in recent history.

No, not even the great Roman Empire with all its splendor, great armies, superb military leaders, diversified ethnic and religious groups, and legendary philosophers could match the wit of the great “American Dream.”

No country has accomplished such a milestone until God decided to establish America on these basic principles, “We The People Of The United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish Justice, insure Domestic Tranquility, provide for the Common Defense, promote the General Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Therefore, America is more closely paralleled to Sir Thomas Moore’s Utopia than any other nation in history. Blacks have always played a vital role in the history of America. They are the “unsung heroes” of this great nation.

In 1492, Christini Alonzo Nino who was a black man sailed to America with Christopher Columbus. In 1565, the Spaniards used black slaves to help establish a colony in America’s oldest city, St. Augustine, Fla. Yet, it was not until August 1619, that the mass immigration of Africans occurred in the New World. This was a year before the flamboyant “Mayflower” landed at Plymouth, Maine; 12 years after the first English settlement landed at Jamestown, Va; 113 years before the United States Constitution was ratified in 1778 in Philadelphia, and 244 years before the signing of Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation.

On Aug. 20, 1619, a Dutch man-of-war dropped its anchor at Jamestown and traded 20 Africans for food and supplies. Sir George Yardley, then Governor of Virginia, purchased 15 of the 20 immigrants to work on his 1,000-acre plantation. Initially, the 20-African slaves were supposed to have been hired as “indentured servants,” who after five years of “hard labor” could then be classified as full citizens of Jamestown. Sadly to say, many of the Africans and their descendants ended up being tenant farmers or worse, slaves or corpses!

The 20 Africans are the matriarchs and patriarchs of a proud heritage, a liberated race and a great nation. They are the platform on which we stand today to commemorate

and celebrate the many wonderful contributions that black people have made in the building, and shaping of America. They are the silent echoes of this nation that remind us of the past so that history will rightly justify the many wonderful deeds of its loyal and devoted citizens. We honor Black History Month so that the scales of justice will no longer be unbalanced. We celebrate Black History Month so that the mirrors of history can reflect America’s true image, give honor to who honor is due.

Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson is as synonymous to Black History Month, as Thomas Jefferson is to the United States Constitution. Woodson is the “Father of Black History.” Born December 19, 1875, in New Canton, Va., Woodson’s family moved to West Virginia where he began working in the coalmines. Woodson taught himself to read and write, and by the time he was 20, he entered high school. At the age of 22, he graduated from high school and entered Berea College in Berea, Ky. Woodson received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1912. He was also a noted linguist — he spoke French, German, Spanish and English.

Woodson had an undaunted desire to dispel myths that were demoralizing and dehumanizing to black people. He believed that such negative myths were the main reasons why many black people were suffering from an “inferiority complex” about themselves, their past and their future. So in order to combat such lethal tactics, in 1915, Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

Also in 1921, Woodson organized Associated Publishers in order to produce textbooks that reflected blacks as positive role models throughout American and world history. Furthermore, Woodson authored many books, which have become the primary source for many historians. The highest point of Woodson’s work came in 1926, when he founded the First Annual Black History Celebration in February. Also that same year, Woodson was awarded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Springarn Medal. This particular recognition is the highest award given by the NAACP for noble achievement.

In 1976, Negro History Week was expanded from one week to a month-long observance during the month of February. February was chosen to commemorate the birth month of three great champions of democracy and emancipation: Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois. Frederick Douglass and Dubois also died in February.

Black History Month should be a time of reflection and celebration regardless of one’s race, creed, color, sex, religion, or nationality because the whole world has benefited from the many inventions and discoveries that Africans and their descendants have shared with America and the world. Dr. Woodson summed it up by saying “We should emphasize not Negro history, but the Negro in history.” In other words, Black History Month should be a time to educate people about the many contributions that African Americans have made within the pages of American History, because in time past, the writers of previous American History failed to give credit to or recognize African Americans and their contributions.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday “Protestant Worship”	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Victory	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.

Pet of the Week

Houdini is a two-month-old, orange tabby male kitten. Full of energy, very playful and loveable too. He would make a great addition to any family.

If interested in adopting Hudini or any other cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

Drinking & Driving

Don't Mix

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts closed
The Hunter gym's basketball courts will close Feb. 10 for renovations.

Youth B-ball/cheerleading
Register your child for the Fall Fort Stewart Child and Youth Services basketball and cheerleading "step" team from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, Building 443, located on the corner of Gulick Ave. and Lindquist Rd., behind Corkan Pool.

Basketball age divisions will be 6 to 7 boys and girls, 8 to 10 boys, 8 to 10 girls, 11 to 12 boys, 11 to 14 girls, 13 to 14 and 15 to 18 boys. Cheerleading will be two divisions, ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 14. Uniforms provided by Youth Services. For more information, contact CYS at 767-2312.

Tae Kwon Do lessons
Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Rd. in Bryan Village next to the shoppette.

The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments
A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training
The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf Course
Taylors Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Off Post

Military night at the YMCA
The 1st and 3rd Friday of each month are Military night at the YMCA. Show your Military ID and enjoy the Y free of charge from 4 to 10 p.m.

Baseball players wanted
If you are interested in playing baseball for a semi-pro baseball team, contact Art Lewis at 352-6749 or 767-6572, or James Simmons at 767-3031 or 369-3974.

There will be a sign up meeting 3 p.m., Feb. 9 at Bo'Maz Bluedevils Baseball Club, 4850 W. Oglethorpe Hwy 84, Walthourville.

For more information, email simmonsh@yahoo.com

Half marathon
Registration has begun for the Hilton Head Island Half Marathon.

The half marathon will be held 8 a.m., Feb. 15. The fee is \$30 if registered before Feb. 8. After this date, the fee is \$40. No race-day registrations will be permitted.

Participants can register at www.bearfootsports.com.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Mind over matter

Deployed soldiers hold powerlifting competition

Pfc. Christina Carde
11th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Adrenaline racing and palms sweating, members of the 264th Logistical Task Force matched their strength against steel Saturday, in the first power-lifting competition held in the task force.

About 35 soldiers, male and female, competed in light, medium and heavy lifting events in a competition which lasted about seven hours.

The doorway and walls of the small Cold Steel Dungeon (264th LTF gym) were packed with the competitors' comrades rooting for them as they stepped up to the bar.

"I wasn't sure how this event was going to turn out, but a lot of soldiers participated. It's good to see such a great turnout," said Command Sgt. Maj. Luis J. Lopez, 264th LTF command sergeant major and event coordinator.

"This event not only boosts the competitors' morale, but their buddies as well because they have a chance to cheer them on," Lopez said.

According to Lopez, this event was not just for fun.

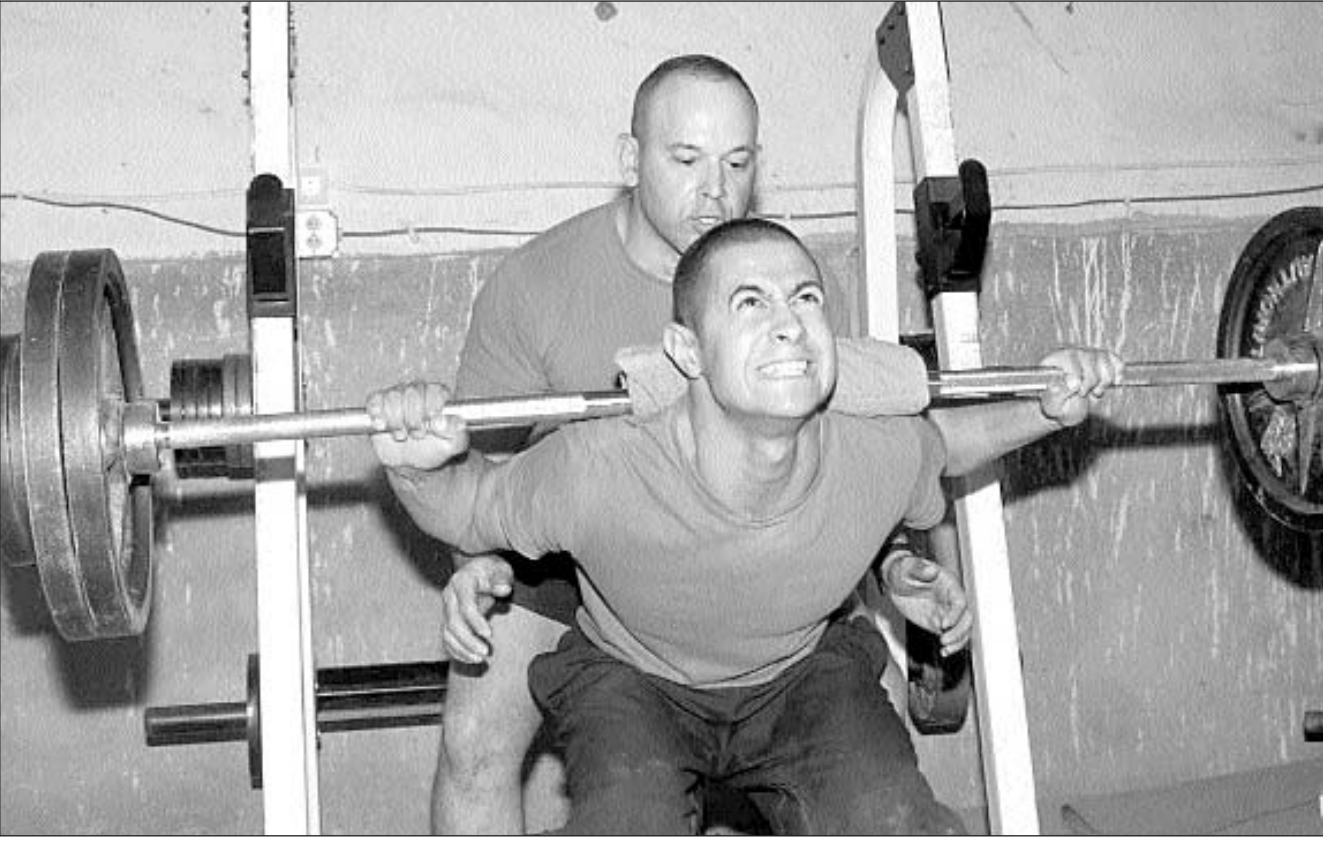
"The competitors did daily physical fitness with their unit and then trained additionally in the afternoons for the competition," said Lopez.

"This competition and the ones to follow are sort of a train-up for the annual Corps Support Command competition at Fort Bragg (N.C.)," he added.

The competition consisted of the squat, bench press, dead-lift and the clean and jerk events in all three weight classes. In order to qualify, each competitor had to weigh in and be able to compete in each event.

Each competitor was given three chances to complete one full repetition correctly and accumulate as many points as possible.

Points were awarded according to how much weight each soldier lifted in each event. The total number of points in all four events determined the winner for gender and weight class.



Pfc. Christina Carde

Adrian Gonzalez, 503rd Maintenance Company, 264th Logistical Task Force, coached by Luis Lopez, 264th LTF, exerts all his energy to successfully complete his last squat.

However, if two competitors in the same class lifted the same amount of weight, the points would go to the lighter individual.

At the end of the adrenaline-pumping, muscle-aching day, Samantha Eady, 364th Supply Company took first place in the female lightweight competition with 360 points or pounds lifted. Samantha Jenkins, 403rd Transportation Co., was close behind in second with 350 points.

For the males, Tim Lammer, 403rd, took the lead with 1,070 points and John Mosley, 364th, followed with 1,000 to take second place.

But for some competitors, getting first place wasn't that important.

"I had fun today," said Catarina Prieto, 403rd Transportation Company who placed third in the female lightweight competition. "Considering I've never done anything like this before, I'm happy with my 320 points."

As the hours added on, so did the weight on the bar as Charlett Martin, 364th Supply Company, dominated first place in the female midweight competition with 515 points.

Wendy Robinson, 364th, held second place with a solid 440 points.

"This was a good idea to help boost the soldiers' morale," said Phoebe Price, 403rd Transportation Co., who came in third for the female mid-weights. "At first I was only doing it to motivate my soldiers, but then I got a little competitive myself."

For the men's mid-weight class, Lamar Smith, 403rd, took first place with 1,330 points and Kyle Carone, 503rd, walked away with 1,255.

"I've lifted before but this is the first event I've done like this," said Jose Pasillas, 503rd, mid-weight competitor. "I feel good now that I've done it."

In the final hours, the heavy-weight competitors added hundreds

of pounds to the bar in an attempt to outdo their opponents.

The sound of the heavy plates could be heard bouncing off of the wooden Afghan planks, which lined the gym floor, as the lifters hurled them to the ground in exhaustion.

In the end, Susanna Lopez, 403rd, took first place with 595 points for the females, and Roshonda Sullivan, 364th, came in second with 575 points.

In the male heavyweight class, Franklin Fowler, Headquarters Headquarters Detachment, claimed first place with an impressive 1,465 points followed by Eric McPherson who had 1,295.

The award ceremony for Saturday's competition will be held Feb. 7.

"Since this was the first competition, we only opened it up to the 264th," said Lopez. "Once we have our first after action review to see how things are progressing, we will open it up to others in COSCOM."

Raiders fan sticks with his team



Pfc. Charles D. Meseke

Maj. Jose' Ross, C-2 plans officer in charge of Coalition Task Force 82 shows his silver and black pride.

Pfc. Charles D. Meseke
Coalition Task Force-82 Public Affairs Office

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Even with the Raiders loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in this year's Super Bowl, one fan refuses to lose faith in his team.

Maj. Jose Ross sits quietly clutching an Oakland Raiders football, eyes glued to a 15 inch television in the corner of the tent. With a Raiders lighter sitting on his nightstand and a bedspread adorned with the team logo, the theme is apparent. Ross intends to bring a bit of what fans call Raider Nation worldwide while serving as the C-2 plans officer in charge of Coalition Task Force 82.

"I have been an Oakland Raiders fan all my life," the 38-year-old Ross said.

The rough and tough attitude of past Raiders teams was what attracted Ross. Players like the hard-hitting safety Jack Tatum, and the wide receiver Fred "sticky fingers" Biletnikoff helped fuel the tough image, Ross said.

Jack Tatum is Ross's favorite Raider's player of all time and Tim Brown is his favorite current player.

The fanaticism has also gone to a new generation of Raiders fans. Ross proudly displays pictures of his three daughters dressed in their Sunday best — Raiders shirts and face paint for

game day.

Although Ross follows the team like any dedicated fan through television he also feels it's important to support his favorite team in person.

"I try to make it to one game a year," said Ross, "I usually fly in for the game and a friend of mine comes up from San Diego."

The only time Ross admits to missing all the games of a season was during his deployment to Bosnia and his current deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Even while fighting the War on Terror, Ross tracks the Raiders success on the Internet and with his subscription to Silver and Black Magazine, a weekly publication about Raiders football.

With the Raiders decor ever present in his living area, Ross' tent mates know they have a serious football fan living with them.

"They (tent mates) think it's cool that someone is into their team this much," Ross said.

It may seem as if Ross brought much of his Raiders paraphernalia with him to Bagram, but he assures that he has a couple thousand autographed pieces of memorabilia at home. The most prized item in the collection is a football autographed by Tim Brown.

"True fans stick with their team," Ross said "We lost, but the team is exhausted, so the off season will be good for them."

Marne Scoreboard

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Volunteer Spotlight



Robin Renea Lay

Robin Renea Lay, a native of Beaver Falls, Penn., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Lay volunteers in the Family Care Unit.

“I volunteer to get some experience in my field of education and training and to help others,” she said.

Lay’s interests include basketball and reading. She has two sons, 14-year-old Terrial and 13-year-old Jimmie III.

If you would like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or email Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Jan. 30-Feb. 5



Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Solaris (PG-13)

Starring: George Clooney, Steven Soderbergh
Tonight at 7 p.m.

A psychologist arrives at a space station, only to find that his liaison there is dead. The man, head of an expedition to the ocean world known as Solaris, died mysteriously, and with his death come other mysterious events, such as the appearance of crew and friends who have long since passed away.

Run time: 99 minutes

Drumline (PG-13)

Starring: Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana
Saturday, Sunday and Monday at 7 p.m.

Devon, a street drummer from Harlem, enrolls in a Southern university, expecting to lead its marching band’s drumline to victory. He initially flounders in his new role, before realizing that it takes more than talent to reach the top.

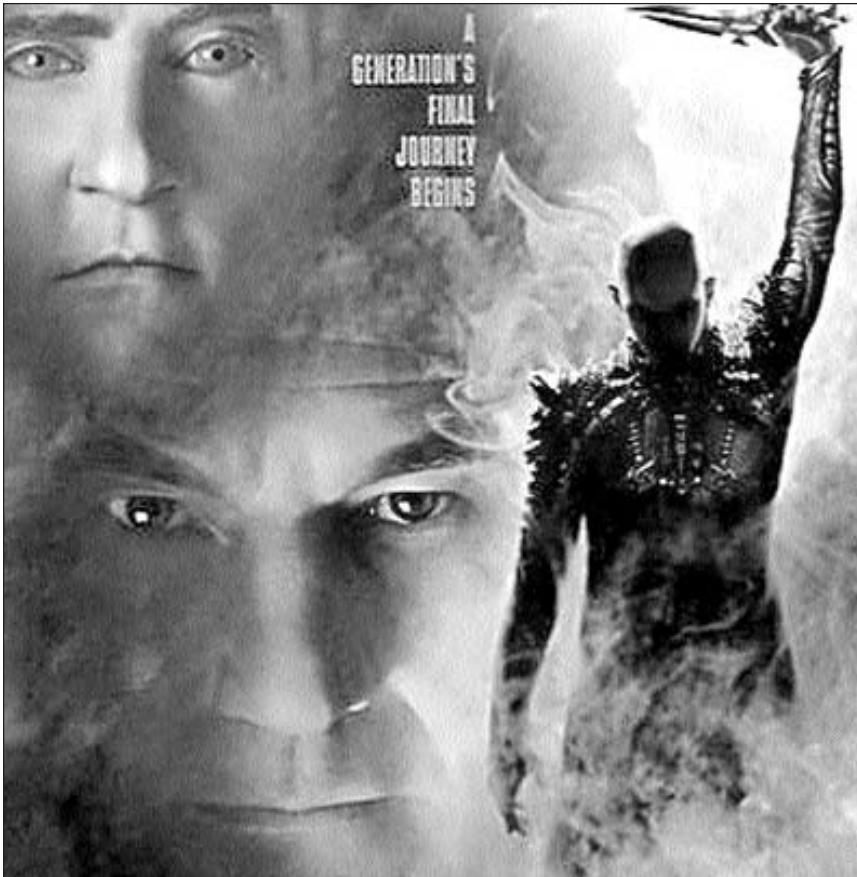
Run time: 119 minutes

Star Trek: Nemesis (PG-13)

Starring: Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes
Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Romulan Empire is thrown into disarray when Shinzon, an exiled slave on the sister planet of Remus, murders the entire senate of the Romulus homeworld. Now, the mad man wants to use the crew of the Enterprise in his scheme to incite a revolution

Run time: 117 minutes



Birth announcements

<p>December 27 Aliana Alexia Kashefska, a girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Daniel Anthony Kashefska and Ashley Marie Brumley.</p> <p>December 29 Elijah Deshawn Haywood, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Pfc. Latricia Haywood.</p> <p>January 6 Sara Beth Chaney, a girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Capt. Kevin S. Chaney and LaNeshia Diane Chaney.</p>	<p>January 7 Isbella Marie Hillebrand, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Sgt. Jason Max Hillebrand and KellyAnn Marie Hillebrand.</p> <p>Faith Marie Johnson, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. William Allen Johnson and Priscilla Sunshine Johnson.</p> <p>January 8 Michael Glynn Follette, a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Pfc. Jeffrey Follette and Lauren Follette.</p>	<p>Madison Brianne Powell, a girl, 4 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Richard L. Powell and Angel S. Powell.</p> <p>Jonathan Christopher-Alen Patterson Ruffin, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Kamisha Donyette Ruffin.</p> <p>January 9 Tajzion Andrew White, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Temesia Chemette White.</p> <p>Afton Paige Hamelin, a girl, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pvt. 2 Robert Joseph Hamelin and</p>	<p>Patricia Nicole Hamelin.</p> <p>January 10 Henry Abraham Camacho Jr., a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Henry Camacho and Nelly Camacho.</p> <p>January 11 Connor Rey Potier, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Pfc. Corey Potier and Jenee Potier.</p> <p>January 13 Gabriel David Ryker, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc.</p>	<p>Christopher Tyson Ryker and Marlene Ryker.</p> <p>Jayden Alexander McClaren, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. Jason Randall McClaren and Heather Marie McClaren.</p> <p>Mia Michelle Streeto, a girl, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Pvt. Edward Carmen Streeto and Spc. Kristi Lynn Streeto.</p> <p>January 16 Joshua Mojica-Figueroa, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Javier Mojica and Janett Mojica.</p>
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